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Lilley evades asylum ruling

Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

HE Government week's Appeal Court judgment on withdrawing welfare benefits from most asylum seekers by rushing emergency asylum legislation through

Social Security Secretary Peter Lilley insisted the measures were essential if Britain was to remain a safe haven for genuine refugees and not a "soft touch" for false claimants. "We are determined that this judgment will not pro-

wide a blank cheque for bogus asylum seekers." he said.

But his Commons statement caused an outery.
Labour said the plan to rush through a series of amend. ments to the Asylum and Immigration Bill was an "abuse of process", while immigrants' rights groups called it a "moral outrage".

The decision to introduce emergency legislation means that ministers decided it was unlikely they would win if they appealed their case to the House of Lords.

The new legislation will be incorporated into the bill at the last possible moment. with new clauses being tabled next Monday at its third reading stage in the Lords. An attempt by angry opposition peers to suspend last night's stage of consideration of the bill until Monday was de-feated by 135 votes to 100.

Mr Lilley said the new leg-islation would write into statute the power to exclude benefits from asylum seekers who failed to claim refugee status when they first arrived, or whose claim had been rejected but were appealing. He offered one small con-

cession by saying that those whose asylum claims were eventually granted in full would receive a welfare bene-fit payment backdated to the day they lodged a claim for

Claud Moraes, director of The Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, which brought the Appeal Court case on behalf of Miss B, an asylum seeker fleeing from Zaire, said the Government's

action was a moral outrage "To come back with emergency legislation simply be-cause they don't want to face the higher court shows the moral depths to which this Government has sunk in attempting to keep the 'race card' element of the Asylum Bill intact."

Refugee Council director, Nick Hardwick, was dis-turbed about the details of the package: "The new proposals won't work because it takes an average of 18 months to have asylum claims finally determined — how is a per-son supposed to survive in the meantime?"

Labour's Social Security spokesman Chris Smith, said the decision to "judgeproof" the legislation only highlighted the Government's

He told Mr Lilley: "In a supare leaving people to starve. You have acted with both inhumanity and injustice. Will you now think again and abandon your foolish inten-tion to legislate your way

around the problem?"
In their ruling last Friday, the senior judges described Mr Lilley's policy of withdrawing welfare benefits as uncompromisingly draco nian" and ruled it filegal. They said Mr Lilley and Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, had been less gen-erous towards "poor foreigners" than the government had been in Napoleonic Times and was effectively denying asylum seekers appeal rights.

More than 8,000 people seek-ing asylum in Britain have been left without official means of support since their entitlement to claim benefits was withdrawn on February 5. The Benefits Agency has in-structed its office to start ac-

cepting new claims from asylum seekers in line with the Appeal Court ruling. They will pay welfare benefits to asylum seekers until the emergency legislation becomes law in about three weeks' time Ministers are considering

whether the court ruling means that all 8,000 who should have received benefits since February will now be paid out as well. The legisla-tion cannot give retrospective



Andre Agassi, 1992 Wimbledon champion, suffered a shock defeat by fellow-American Doug Flach in the first round yesterday

Fifth column enters the phoney war

The grubby little men who write this sort of trash should remember that our monarchy are krauts and that our defence minister is a dago'

Lord Healey

John Duncan Sports Corresi

HE Daily Mirror editor. Piers Morgan, faces a swelling fifth column of England supporters in his bid to put the country on a war footing for the Euro 96 semi-final meeting with Germany The first sniper fire against

Morgan's dirty, phoney war — "Achtung Surrender For vou Fritz ze Euro 96 is over. The Mirror declares soccer war against Germany - was beard in Cannock, Staffordshire, yesterday when one Mirror reader, Andy Carmi-chael reported the newspaper and its editor to West Midlands police for inciting racial hatred, an offence under the

Public Order Act.
"I have been to the library and looked at the act and the rubbish they had on the front page is in blatant breach," aid Mr Carmichael. The police are investigating, according to Mr Carmi-chael. The next stage would be a report for the Crown Prosecution Service and the

the Attorney General to de-

Jail was the least of Mr.

Morgan's worries yesterday as the Daily Mirror faced a

reader backlash against its anti-German tub-thumping.

The article left the offices of

the Press Complaints Com-

mission switchboard heaving with irate callers. By the end

of the day over 60 complaints

had been registered — five times more than normal.

"That is about what we ge

when there is a really big con-

troversy involving the Prin-cess of Wales," said a PCC

Reaction elswhere was al-

most uniformly negative.
"The grubby little men who
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are krauts and that our de-

fence minister is a dago," said the former Labour cabinet

"There is huge hypocrisy in their sudden change of view-

point," said Simon Mayo, the Radio One DJ. "I am embar-

rassed about the coverage, the

xenophobic distribe that is

pouring out. I think you can yell and scream for England

and Gascoigne without put-ting him in a 1940s tin hat."
'I thought it was disgrace-ful," said Giles Radice,

Labour MP for Durham

North, and author of The New

Germans. "As far as it was

the poorest sense."

alled a joke, it was a joke in

Experts on soccer violence

said yesterday that tabloid coverage could be vital in

minister, Lord Healey.

All change: the red shirt of 1966 and tomorrow's indigo blue

England waive red and white for indigo blue

THE three lions will still be on the chest, just like in 1966, but England will tomorrow night in grey kits after they lost the draw for the right to wear first choice shirts, writes John

ers, can say the kit is not grey until they are indigo blue in the face, but critics insist it is bland and goes against tradition.

One team had to change because England's normal colours — white shirts and blue shorts — clash with Germany's white and

However, in an untypical

mum. "This is about defining

an agenda," said John Wil-liams of the Sir Norman Ches-

ter Centre for Football

Research in Leicester, "about setting a tone in which people

watch the match. But as far as

Euro 96 is concerned the Mir-ror has miscalculated the

public mood. Nobody in Eng-

land who has been going to matches is interested in this

tone of the tournament has

allowed more and more people to feel proud of England."

Mr Williams added that the

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error by the Mirror was remi-niscent of the Hillsborough

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nation's appetite for new kits — the 1994 spend on replicas was more than relaxed about it all and the £125 million — Umbro have Manchester United thing not leapt to England's aid does not come into it."

and into parental wallets with the red shirts, as worn in the triumphant 1966 World Cup Final, many fans would now like to see The players say they do not care. "It does not make

one lota of a difference to them," said a spokesman. There have been fears ting team-mates harder because the colour blends into the crowd. Manchester United abandoned their Umbro grey kit at half-time in a match against Southampton last season because the players said they could not see each other.

"Our record in grey so far is played two, won two against Bulgaria and Hong Kong," said David Davies, the FA director of commu-nications. "Terry is very



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Ministers accused of back door direct mail business across the community.

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HE Government will announce that it wants to privatise the Post Office's £1 billion a year 'junk mail" business on Thursday - the day the Royal Mail strikes costing the national- directive to privatise the be drawn up in detail by 1998 | exposed as working in Europe

ised industry millions in lost

Details of the Government's back-tracking on its promise last year — not to consider privatisation of any part of the Royal Mail - will be announced in Brussels during a ministers' council meeting, at which Britain will propose and vote for a new European

The Post Office said last night that such a move would mean the end of national first and second class stamps be-cause the "direct mail" busi-ness subsidised the national one-price delivery service. Instead, zonal pricing with much higher charges for let-ters to Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and between English regions would

be introduced. The decision, which would

Office's monopoly for letters under £1.

Britain's intentions have been revealed in confidential minutes, in French, of meetings over the past month in Brussels obtained by Dr Kim Howells, Labour's industry

Dr Howells said vesterday: "Ministers, having being defeated by lack of support from their own backbenchers in the British Parliament, are ified majority voting sche they profess to despise. It is absolutely outrageous."

According to the minutes, Britain showed its hand on June 10 when a working party attended by officials agreed a proposal, billed as a compromise, to end its opposition to the liberalisation of the direct mail business which has been Britain's position for the last five years:

The proposal put forward by "the occ Britain was discussed at a million.

support from the Germans. Swedes, Finns, Holland, and Ireland. The plan has been put on the Telecommunications Council agenda for Thursday where Britain, using the qualified majority voting formula, wants to push it through. The Post Office pointed out vesterday that personally

in a total of £600 million last year and mail addressed to "the occupier" another £400

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Sketch

Epilogue to the Florentine farce



Simon Hoggart

HE PRIME Minister, back from Florence, was attack, dripping with acid and venom. Was he aware that he had caused Britain to lose prestige, money, and umpteen thousand cows? He had, the MP went on

scornfully, been pushed into his "mistaken" policy by the "petty chauvinism" of the press. "If we feel big after that, we must have been feeling rather small before," he adde

contemptously.

And that was just a Tory have heard the other lot. Admittedly the back-

bencher was George Walden IC. — just — Buckingham), who is quitting at the next election, and so feels able to say what he thinks.

Not that he was ever much inhibited. Mr Walden was once famously described by a loyalist colleague as being "about as useful as a cat flap

Judging by the way some of them looked at him yesterday they bad revised this judg-ment: he was about as wel-come as a cat litter in a

Mr Major had made a statement on beef. It was measured and grave, filled with soothing jargon: "accelerated slaugh-ter", "certified herds scheme." and so on.

A careful listener (in this case Margaret Ewing, SNP) would have noticed that the statement hinted at a lot and promised very little. It was dotted with words like "hope". "believe" and "aim". There were "shoulds" but no "shalls"; "woulds" without

Tony Blair saw this and inoutred when British heef would actually be allowed out again. "When will the ban be lifted? When? When?" Labour backbenchers took up the chant: "When! When!" It began to sound like the old

Conducting an

urbane courtship

Review

Martin Kettle

THE last of the Strauss-Hotmannstalıl operas is a

confection in which Nice

Girl meets Mr Right that would be rejected as insult-ingly sentimental by Mills &

Boon, were it not dignifed by some of Strauss's most urbane

music. Strauss's cynical mas-

tery was never more evident

score, and in Arabella he cre-

than in the tautness of this

ated the ultimate feel-good opera. Appropriately, the Chancellor of the Exchequer

was present for this beauti-fully crafted revival.

John Cox's production was

designed for the small, deep old Glyndebourne theatre and

looks a little lost on the bigger stage of the new theatre. Julia

Trevelyan Oman's sets are

conventional Viennese, for

never makes the mistake of

in whom we might be inter-

this is one of those operas that

defy deconstruction. Yet Cox

trying to persuade us that this

is a serious story about people

ested. It is a singers' opera and

when the singers are allowed to sing. Arabella works. They

re. It does. That it does is in no small

measure due also to the lus-

ducting of Dietfried Bernet,

cious and enthusiastic con-

David Ward

AN UNEMPLOYED gar-dener pleaded not guilty

yesterday to a charge of mur-dering Sophie Hook. aged seven, who disappeared while camping in a north Wales gar-

Arabella

Glyndebourne

Kalin Twins hit, which was

When, when, when we kiss, chen we say goodbye, Now, now, you silly cow, we're both going to die . . . Or something like that. Mr Blair finished with a jab

over the reluctant David Davis: "The farce in Florence holding on to one minister who was trying to resign, and hanging the poor agriculture minister out to dry in the hope

that he will resign."
This sort of construct is the Möbius strip of rhetoric, and Mr Major is fairly good at it too. "In this House you support government policy be-cause you don't have the guts to attack it. Then you go to Germany and attack it because you haven't got the guis to defend it."

Mr Blair smiled amiably at this, which must have been a relief, because he'd spent the rest of the session practising his new grimace. This involves forcing his lips over his perfect teeth very tightly, as if they might try to escape. Meanwhile, he looks fixedly at the roof. I have seen the same strained expression in young children on the toilet. It must

be awfully uncomfy. Next Douglas Hurd rose to offer support, in the relaxed, faintly weary style of the memoirs he is reading on the radio. It was "a legitimate and familiar tactic." he said, adding languidly that "the best ervice we on this side of the House should do . . ."
"Resign!" shouted a hundred Labour voices, spoiling the

Paddy Ashdown got the best response. His capacity to drive Mr Major to the brink of his sanity never fails to astonish and delight us. He spoke about "this puerile policy of postur-ing" which had led to "folly broad and chaos at home."

The Prime Minister replied with a Grade A Listed Majorism. Almost trembling with rage, he demanded: "What would you and the Opposition leader have done in the circumstances? Absolutely nothing, except carp. And criticise Which are the twin names by which we have come to know

Were you aware of this? Have you ever heard anyone in a pub say: "That Tony Blair: Mr Carp, I call him. And as for that Paddy Bloody Criti-

poised to become one of those

names on whom this busines

thrives. This production will

help to revive interest in his

The Canadian soprano Adrianne Pieczonka, also Vi-

erma-based, sings the title role

with unaffected sincerity and there is touching dignity in

work in this country.

egendary, once neglected

Michael White Political Editor

HR backlog of cattle waiting to be slaughtered will have to be disposed of before the EU's worldwide beef ban can begin to be lifted, the Prime Minister conceded yesterday.
The deal won by John Major at the Florence summit

allows for key elements of the ban to be lifted by October if Britain is able to show that it has done enough in tackling His upbeat interpretation would leave only animals

over 30 months, those most vulnerable to BSE, still under

2650 million British beef ex port market - most of which would, theoretically, be open again to potential buyers if they came forward.

But Mr Major surprised some MPs by saying the hoped-for partial lifting of the ban in October "is subject in particular to clearance of the backlog of animals awaiting slaughter in the 30 month scheme and a start to the accelerated slaughter of cattle particularly at risk" — the socalled cohorts of older

That represents a considerable obstacle. Intervention Board officials said last night

the ban. That is barely £100 | have already been killed, to | table is essentially in our million worth of the former | be held in storage as bone | hands." he said — as Tony meal for burning, a backlog exists of around 200,000 cattle aged over 30 months, as well as about 120,000 "coborts"

Lifting of ban depends on clearing backlog of cattle awaiting slaughter, Prime Minister concedes

Cull delay hits beef hopes

Improvements are being rapidly improvised, but the core problem is likely to be disposal of the bodies. At 30,000 a week, some 450,000 more cattle are expected to be killed by October — not

counting the backlog.

Mr Major's admission,
made during his post-Florence summit report, was
seized upon by critical Opposition MPs, who rejected the Prime Minister's claim that it was now up to Britain's farm The point is that this time

Blair and Paddy Ashdown protested that a series of EU committees still had to give approval to a scheme which, Mr Blair insisted, would end

up costing British taxpayers at least 2 billion. The Labour Leader derided the Government's handling of the beef row as another exam any crisis into a catastrophe" adding "The damage will be with this country for many rears to come.

But, in terms of domestic political management, the Prime Minister's report to the Commons in the wake of the ramework agreement at the

for the collapse of Tory Euro-

Instead, key players such as John Redwood and Michael Spicer embraced the deal as the best on offer, saying the real issues remained the European Court, the fishing dispute and containment of

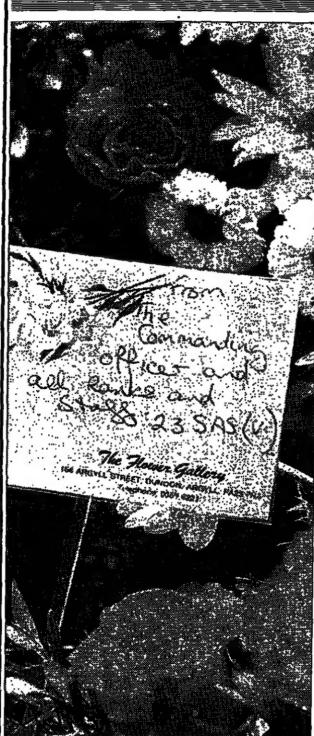
the federalist agenda.

Although the Liberal Demo crats are staging a Commons debate tonight, symbolically seeking to dock £1,000 off the salary of Douglas Hogg, the embattled Agriculture Minis-ter, the worst of the party crisis is over for the Prime Minister, who again claimed that the "decisive factor" in winning the deal was the non-co

In sharp exchanges Douglas Hurd made a rare intervention to support his old boss against "mischief-making"by the Opposition. But George Walden, another ex-Foreign Office minister, spoke of "lost prestige, lost money and lost umpteen thousand more cows". He blamed "petty chauvinism" in the press for

whipping up the crisis.

Mr Major said "normal business" had been restored with the EU. "We were right to stand up for our interests. But I now look forward to provide with our partners of working with our partners on our positive vision of Europe as a strong partnership of



Wreath at the graveside bearing the inscription, 'From the commanding officer and all ranks and staff, 23 SAS'



Hero survived Himalayan brigands, Axis dive bombers. and the food on the Soviet railways



One mourner prepares to exit by helicopter after the funeral at Strachur yesterday of the war hero and diplomat Sir Fitzroy Maclean (top left)

Quiet farewell to man of action

Erlend Clouston

N UNEXPECTED calm surrounded the 209-year-old church of Strachur yesterday. Birds sang; leaves rustled. The only hint of violence came from the overspill plastic chairs which periodically threatened to tip their incumbents on to the

It was all rather out of keep ing with the life of Sir Fitzroy Maclean, war hero, diplomatic trekker, licensed bucca-neer and possible prototype of James Bond, who once resourcefully repaired the steering of an Afghan truck with a collar stud.

The body of the man who contributed to the rout of the Germans in the Western Desert, with the help of whisky flavoured porridge and but-tons that turned into

ease by the altar of Argyll survivor had at last passed Cameron of Lochiel referred church, his pale oak coffin on mingled with the consol- to him in his address, decided laden with his SAS beret and ing knowledge that Sir Fitz- that the Communist was the a cushionful of medals, including the (Yugoslav) Parti-san Star. First Class.

Outside, a whiskered Jimmy MacNab. steward on Sir Fitzroy's Highland estate, provided a glimpse of the patriotism that inspired his late master to christen his SAS tent the Clachan (the "Whenever we passed the

wee bridge at Arrochar, he'd say, 'Give a toot on your horn, Jinuny, I'm home'.' Mr Mac-Nab reported of the former junior diplomat, who spent much of his time in Stalin's Russia tooting his horn metaphorically at perplexed NKVD shadows.

Like most of the other 300 mourners, the face of Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, registered a curious chemistry of emotions; disbe-lief that such an incorrigible roy had had an innings, and an astonishing one, of 85

Statistically, the 15th He-reditary Keeper and Captain of Dunconnel and former Tory MP for Bute and North Ayrshire should have died much earlier at the hands of dive bombers, or the food on this great kindness at opening the Soviet railways. The wreaths that lined the

path to the church door hinted at Sir Fitzroy's fabulous deeds on behalf of the state. There were bouquets from the Queen Mother, the commanding officer and all ranks and staff, 23 SAS, and the British Southern Slav Society.

It was shortly after drinking two glasses of plum brandy with the resistance leader. Josip Tito, that the warrior poet, as Sir Donald grave.

that the Communist was the man Churchill should back to push Hitler out of Yugoslavia.

The 45-minute Episcopalian service glossed over Sir Fitz-roy's heroics. The readings and the hymns were distinctly short of military

Sir Donald praised Sir Fitz-

The Croatian ambassador must have wondered if he had turned up to the right funeral. Afterwards, a slow-marching piper led a cavalcade of mourners round the back of the cemetery where Lady Maclean and her two sons, Charlie and Jamie, helped other relatives lower Sir Fitzroy into a hole dug in the family plot. Somehow, despite the surroundings, it looked more like a trench than a

Fifth column enters the war

the benedictions of the closing scene. But Strauss, especially in this most artful of operas, requires more. Pieczonka's performance lacked the in-stinctive affectation which is the paradoxical key to Strauss singing, and which Inger Dam-Jensen, in the much smaller and infinitely irritat-ing role of the Flakermilli, clearly possesses.

All singers of the principal male role in this opera per-form in the shadow of Dietrich Fischer Dieskau, but Wolf-gang Brendel's Mandryka was his best shot so far at creating an alternative reading, much more relaxed and characterful than when he sang the role in London earlier this year. Brendel really commands his

great moments, with big generous tone and a native German speaker's care for words. Among the supporting char-acters, Alison Hagley stood out as the younger sister Zdenka, bright-toned and intense, with many hints that wondrous things are happen ing to what was once just a pretty voice. Jeffrey Lentz started impressively as the

day of his trial at Chester crown court. He also denied

two other charges of raping Sophie, who was from Great

Hughes, who has a mous-tache and collar-length hair,

wore a grey pinstripe suit a red-and-white striped shirt. Sophie disappeared on July

Budworth, Cheshire.

whose control of the Straus-sian idiom is evident from his suitor Matteo, but was taxed by the orchestral tumults of The Viennese Bernet studied with no less a pair of act three. Anne Howells and Artur Korn extract everyteachers than Mitropoulos and Swarowsky and has a forthing that they can from their midable list of world pre-mieres to his name. After a character roles as Arabella's parents and the minor parts are all crisply sung.

Unemployed man pleads

not guilty to Sophie murder

en last summer.

Howard Hughes, aged 31, of 30 from a tent in a private gar-

Colwyn Bay, north Wales, de den in Llandudno. Her body ridiculous. "In the e

continued from page I disaster when the Sun was boycotted on Merseyside after claiming that Liverpool fans were drunk and were responsible for the disaster. It cost the paper millions of pounds and years of effort to recover from the circulation slump in the region. Mr Morgan defended him-

self yesterday saying it had been intended as a joke, but added that he was sorry if he had offended readers — and some said he had Waiter Denis Bain, 22, of Charlton, south-east London, said he had been a Mirror reader all his life, but no longer. "I've really been put off by what they have done, all that stuff about the Dutch

and the Spanish and now the Germans. God help us from what they have lined up for the French. It might have it's funny moments, but five

pages plus?" Ivan Whitley, 25. a barman



pose it's amusing up to a point. But you can see why some people are going to be offended. The Sun usually does these things with more style and wit, and they have

However, a couple of lunch-time drinkers did like the Mirror's coverage. Steve Burney, 35, a retailer, said: "It's jovial. It's not aggressive at all But it's not important. All that matters is the result on His drinking buddy. John

D'Arcy, 42, who works in advertising and marketing, ridiculed the critics. "It should be taken in the spirit intended. It's more Dad's Army than anything else. It can't wind anyone up." Mr D'Arcy added that he was a Millwall supporter.

Betting odds on the Conser-

vatives winning the most seats at the next General Election have shortened from 5/2 to 9/4, said City Index last night. A spokesman said: "It is a combination of market support, improved opinion poll ratings, and the feelgood factor on the shirt tails of the

'It's gone beyond a joke and below the belt'

embarrassment over tabloid xenophobla, some Germans living here were keen to de-fuse the situation. For others, anger was close to the surface, tempered only by the ob-vious distaste with which the outburst has been greeted by most people in England, writes John Duncan. "The feeling really is one of

surprise more than any-thing," said Johannes Huegle, who has an English girl-friend. 'Friendly hanter is one thing, taking the mickey about us is fine, but this is so aggressive. I don't feel so much offended as surprised, but I doubt it is really danger-

ous because it is so

WHILE much of the more about England than country squirmed with Germany. I just don't under-Germany. I just don't under-stand why you allow newspapers to represent you in this way."

Dr Ludger Eling, who has lived here for 16 years found the tabloid coverage "dis-gusting". "It's supposed to be a joke but it's beyond that. It's cheap, below the belt, but I don't really believe that many people in Eugland think like this."

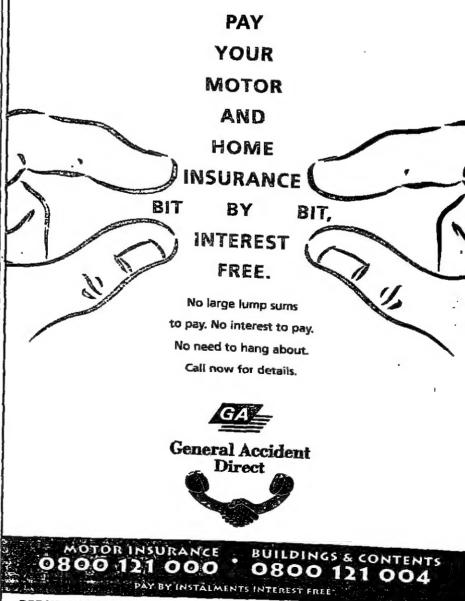
Karl Erich Backhaus, the headmaster of a German-speaking school in Richmond. said the school had come accept that, occasionally, when a big issue came up anti-German feeling came to the surface. "But only part of the population reads this kind

able to print this. The press here sometimes don't seem to feel they have any responsi-bility for what they publish. If Germany win on Wednesday and there is trouble outside Wembley, they will say they were only joking. But you shouldn't play with hostility

or war." Albert Wassener, director don, said: "We are relaxed. We continue to do our work with cultural exchange be tween two highly civilised cultural, democratic societies and this is not affected by tabloid headlines.

Nor were the German staff at the London office of Deut-sche Telekom affected by the row. "I'm sorry but no one idiculous.

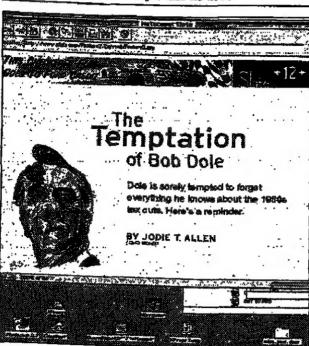
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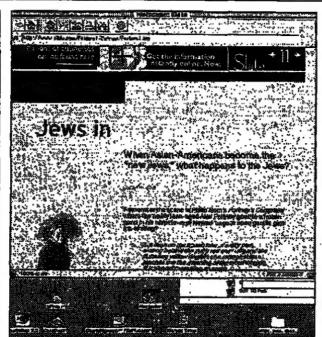


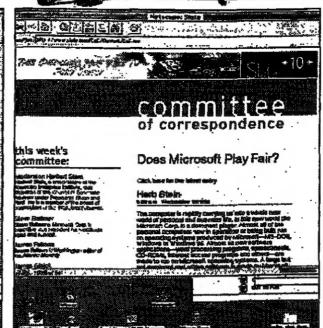
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Cyberspace hits news-stands . . . Websites (above) of the launch issue of Slate, the Internet magazine edited by Michael Kinsley (left) and financed by Microsoft's Bill Gates (right)

US webzine slated as 'online re-hash'

faction

RUMPETED as the

first paperless current affairs magazine produced solely for the Internet, the weekly Slate made its debut yesterday.

Paradoxically, the "webzine" designed to be the hottest, fastest product in the United States media hit the news-stands first rather than news-stands first rather than the Internet: Time magazine bought exclusive reprint

The editor, Michael Kinsley, who made his name editing conventional magazines such as Harpers and the Nev Republic, stresses in his ie that Slate will avoid "the deadening conformity in the hipness of cyber-

space culture".
"We intend to take a fairly sceptical stance toward the romance and rapidly escalat-ing vanity of cyberspace," Mr ment of editorial intentions. "We want to bring cyberspace

Welcomed or slated — media rivals' views on a new cousin

This is good old-fashioned writing by very smart people that could appear in print. Print has always been a better medium for that. Competition? Not this year.'
Walter Isaacson, editor, Time

It's great stuff for their audience, and what they are trying to do, which is really to online a re-hash of the New Republic. There is nothing new, nothing inter-active, nothing that understands that this is a new medium.

via a computer screen rather than the printed page. There are minimal graphics, and the hypertext references that can send readers down endless the bottom of each story.

own to earth." changed professions, and "At the front end of the time virtu. The result is a classic and never moved from Washing. American meritocratic marrounded."

were detained on June 7.

'The question is going to be how much appetite do people on the Net have for reading the lengthy articles Mike is offering. He's really talented, but he's facing a real challeng in trying to serve two audiences — his peers in serious print journalism, and the new "Zine world of the Net"." Michael Ruby, editor, US News and World Report

I don't think this can ever be a threat to the serendipitous delights of reading, to the an-Declan Mcullough, Washing-tique pleasures of the text and the inherent democracy of

traditional US magazine that I ton DC to Washington state, I just happens to be available | the Pacific coast home of his new corporate master. Bill company is financing Slate. Slate's star writers are friends and former colleagues byways are tucked away at the bottom of each story.

It is as if Mr Kinsley never elits goes electronic. "At the front end of the the virtues of being well-

James Fallows, author, Breaking The News: How The Media Jews as the No. 1 group. They are winning the science prizes and the scholarships," Nicholas Lemann reports in Slate's lead article. "Mean-

print. But I'm frightened of a

world closed to those without

\$2,000 for a computer and a high-speed modem.'

Jack Beatty, editor, Atlantic

I'm glad Michael is doing this

...but I'm inherently sceptical about the viability of elec-

tronic magazines — even Slate is the most interesting of the

200 that have been published

The highlight is the e-mail debate that much of the cyber-industry has been wait-ing for, on the monopolistic tendencies of Microsoft itself. The controversy raging on the Internet in the run-up to while, Jews, at our moment of maximum triumph at the launch has been about back end of the meritocracy, whether Mr Kinsley is selling back end of the meritocracy are discovering sports and out to Microsoft, helping the

'Kinsley's ideas are derivative

ones, even more so with a com-pany like Microsoft that has a

ong history of recycling other

'He has to go after the widest

"This isn't going to change the world. It's a learning

Feed on-line magazine

people's innovations."

Marty Peretz, owner and

editor-in-chief, the New

experience.

its sway over the Net product, as well as the software.
"Does Microsoft play fair?

Of course not", one surfer insists. "There hasn't been a significant entry into, for example, word processing in years—not because the word processor has been perfected but because Microsoft has

locked up the space." Slate is now available free readership possible. Bill Gates does not invest in boutiques. on the Web (http://www.sla-te.com). But after November - and after the presidential

election — there will be an annual subscription of \$19.95 (£13), and on-line advertising. "They are charging? More power to them," said David Zweig, publisher of the on-line literary magazine

Salon, whose worry about etition is o the prospect of Slate making cyberspace commercially via ble. "If he can prove that qual ity pays on the Web, I think that's great." The backers of Slate - and

the proliferating ranks of specialist magazines on the Net — hope advertising will follow where readers rush in.

Flak greets Labour plan on benefits

David Brindle Rebecca Smith

ABOUR yesterday ran into controversy over what it means by "flexible benefits" when it published its long-awaited welfare-to-work plans to get people off the dole.
Critics setzed on proposals
to pilot-test benefit variation
as evidence that the party

was abandoning its commit-ment to universal social secu-rity entitlement. Party lead-ers insisted the idea would be voluntary.

There was further concern on Labour's left wing that the plans did not include a commitment to scrap the Govern-ment's jobseeker's allowance and revert to entitlement to 12 months' unemployment benefit. Chris Smith, shadow social

security secretary, promised only that Labour would "review" the scheme once in office. It is understood that he dropped a commitment to abolish it after intervention by Tony Blair, the party leader

leader. Labour's plans aim to get an unspecified number of unemployed people into work by

steps including:

| Personalising benefit and employment services by giving tailor-made help with skills training and job search, along lines of schemes in Australia and California:

Merging benefit and employment advice offices in "one-stop shops" and intro-ducing a single claim for for

all main benefits; ☐ Encouraging jobi to study and do voluntary work, removing existing penalties which limit both. They would also be given more scope for occasional paid

employment.

Giving people taking temporary or "uncertain" work an automatic right to re-entitlement to income suppor at their previous rate, should the job not work out.

Attention centred, however, on plans for a pilot scheme under which unem-ployed people could make "flexible local use" of benefit and training money.

Labour's policy document says: "This will allow local

of resources for benefits, training and special employ-ment measures for individual

"For each claimant a nominal figure — equivalent to the expected expenditure on government training schemes and benefit income for people in their circumstances — will be given over to case managers to be used in agreement with the individual in the best way to promote their job

Mr Smith said there would be no compulsion to vary ben-efit income: if individuals wished to continue drawing full entitlement, they would be fully at liberty to do so.

The only circumstances in which a case manager would over-rule an individual would be ones in which "some completely absurd suggestion" had been made, he said. "If, for example, they said

they wanted to take this money and go off to Antigua for two weeks and learn about the tourist industry, clearly the case manager would have to say no, that's not possible." However, welfare groups expressed concern at the proposal — while welcoming

Labour's plans as a whole Sally Witcher, director of the Child Poverty Action Group, said: "This kind of approach is not about people's rights, but about people getcording to where they live."

Paul Goggins, co-ordinator asked: "Will this new flexibil-ity lead to lower social security payments? People on

greater clarity from Labour on jobseekers' allowance, the abolition of which is believed to have been included in a first draft of yesterday's

Shadow ministers involved in drawing up the plans say Mr Blair sided with Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, against Mr Smith's wish to scrap the six-month allow-

The party leader is said to have declared that making such a commitment would "send the wrong message out" about people staying on

the computing age to extend Girls held in Italy 'duped' into smuggling drugs

British teenagers claim they did not know of heroin in luggage

Owen Bowcott

■WO teenage British ons on drugs-smuggling charges yesterday denied knowing that the luggage they were carrying contained around £600,000 of pure

Melanie Jackman, aged 19, and Marianne Platt, aged 16, both from Brighton, were kept under surveillance by Italian police after flying into Rome's Fiumicino sirport from Turkey earlier this



ons, several times since they Marianne Platt . . . could escape prison because of age

Melanie is in a women's prison in Arienzo, near Caserta, along with the Nigerian woman who was arrested with her Marianne has been tion in Rome. month.

The two friends face charges of possessing and im-



Naples, to a similar institu-

traumatic experience for I them. They have told me that they did not know that the luggage they were carrying contained drugs.

"We are in contact with their relatives and have made sure they are as comfortable possible in the circumstances.

"The public prosecutor's office is still investigating which charges to bring, al though the arrests have been confirmed by the judge for preliminary investigations." Ms Jackman's father has also flown out to visit her. Ms Platt's mother is expected to visit her in the pext few days It may be several weeks be-fore either girl is given an op-portunity to apply for ball. Neither speaks Italian. Each girl is allowed one telephone

Marianne's mother, Jackie | in heroin from Turkey. King, 36, said she was | if convicted, Ms Jackman King, 36, said she was shocked to discover that her daughter was in Italy. She had believed the two girls were on holiday in Greece, where Melanie was going to

work as a nanny for a holi-

dominant new corporation of

daying couple.
Marianne, who has 12 GCSEs, was an innocent dupe, she insisted.
The Italian police believe the girls were working for a Nigeria-based trafficking syn-

dicate. A spokesman said: "We want to know why two young, fresh-faced and poitely-mannered Britons were in possession of such a large amount of heroin." Last month Italian authori-

could face up to five years in prison, although her sentence may be less if she co-operates with investigators. Marianne Platt could es-cape jail because of her age. Until last summer she was a

pupil at the School of Performing Arts and Technology College in Selhurst, south-east London, and had been chosen to show John Major around when he visited the school two years ago. The 16-year-old is understood to have ambitions to become an

"I really don't know what sort of people she got involved with but I'm certain she ties arrested 14 Naples-based would not have knowingly US Navy sailors who had allegedly been recruited by Nigerian drug dealers to bring even smoke cigarettes."

They will come down on the iobless as hard as the Tories

Peter Hetherington

STROLLING through the Scotswood estate on a hot afternoon, Christopher insists that a job, any job, would come as a blessed relief.

Now 24, he has been unemsloyed since leaving school in Newcastle upon Tyne at 16. although a one-year YTS course on car mechanics provided a little insight into the world of

He stresses that life on the dole — £36 a week in his case is far from enjoyable. "I have tried to get a job, hon-estly. But there's nothing round here — unless you're a woman. And then it's parttime cleaning work."

His 21-year-old companion John, has to think hard be-fore identifying any friend in work. Nursing a leg damaged when he crashed a stolen car six years ago, he says: "At least haif the people in my year at school are unemployed."

But a few hundred yards down the road, a little hope did come to Scotswood earlier this year. A large DIY store offered around 180 jobs in an area where pockets of male unemployment top 50 per

The company says it sent

leaflets to 500 Scotswood houses inviting people to apply for the vaca munity agencies organised training courses. The Employment Agency was asked

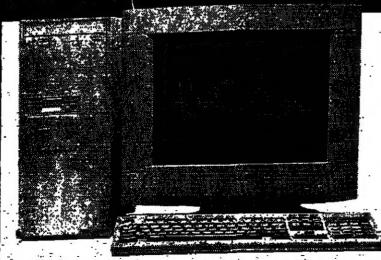
to screen applicants. But the response shocked the store manager, Phil Mordy. "We only got replies to half the leaflets and out of that under 20 per cent turned up for an interview. In the end 112 of the avail-

people from a wider area. With unemployment now tions, Sir Jeremy Beecham, a local Labour councillor who eads the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, says a work culture is now foreign

The episode provides an acid test of how a future Labour government would tackle an area like Scotswood. Just when would an incoming Social Security Secretary, like Chris Smith, withdraw the carrot and start wielding the stick when people de-

clined a job? "I am under no illusions that they'll come down as hard as - maybe harder than — the Tories," said a local voluntary worker who guides the jobless towards work opportunities.

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Woman sues over cancer treatment

WOMAN is suing for nosis and was told by Dr Jen-damages over the kins that she was riddled side effects of the undamages over the side-effects of the unnecessary radiation and drug therapy she under-went after being wrongly told she was "riddled" with cancer.
Medical chiefs have admit-

ted that their consultant's di-agnosis of Joanna Johenson's agnosis of Joanna Johenson's condition was wrong and that the treatment she received was "inappropriate", but the High Court heard they are fighting her damages claim on the question of whether, and to what extent, the treatment caused her subsequent ment caused her subsequent

Mrs Johenson, aged 58, a former telecommunications sales operative of Torquay, is suing Medway health authority and South East Thames regional health authority over the treatment she received at St Williams Hospital, Rochester, Kent, between February and July 1982.

Her counsel, Nicola Davies QC, told Mr Justice Wright that after she had her left breast correctly removed in January 1982, her surgeon referred her to consultant radiotherapist and oncologist David Jenkins at St Williams for possible post-operative

therapy.
Dr Jenkins, despite being informed that a skeletal scan had revealed no cancerous growths, diagnosed wide-

spread bone cancer.

When Mrs Johenson queried the diagnosis, he used words to the effect: "Twe been in the business a long time nd I know cancer when I see it," the court heard.

He told her he could not guarantee that treatment would work, but said it had helped a lot of other people.
"When she left that interview, she believed she did not

have long to live," said Miss Davies. "She was devastated by what she had been told." Mrs Johenson underwent seven courses of radiother-apy, high steroid drug treat-ment and chemotherapy.

As the treatment continued, she became iil. She began suf-fering chest pains which made it impossible to swal-low. She began vomiting and became weak. Her skin turned yellow, her hair fell out and she had to have in-

patient treatment. She again queried the diag-

affected her liver and spleen.
After five months of intensive treatment Mrs Johenson went to King's College Hospi-tal, London, for a second opin-ion. She was told there was no

sign of cancer.
"Dr Jenkins had effectively told her she was dying. The second opinion demonstrated that his diagnosis and the treatment he advised were completely wrong," Miss

Davies said.

Mrs Johenson alleges the treatment ultimately caused the collapse of five spinal vertebrae; an incurable bone disease, os teoporosis, the radiation of both ovaries, inducing an artificial menopause; and radiation damage to her left hip and femurand her lymph glands. She also says she suffered a clinical depressive illness.

'Dr Jenkins had told her she was dying. The second opinion showed he was wrong

Mrs Johenson told the judge she was "horrified" when Dr Jenkins said she had cancer and "weeks rather than months" to live. Later, while still undergo ing therapy, she learned there was no sign of cancer. "I was totally elated. I couldn't be-

lieve it. Then her spine collapsed and she spent 4½ months in hospital before being told she had esteoporosis and would be disabled for the rest of her

Mrs Johenson said she had once been "a totally different person, full of confidence. forthright, energetic, switched on". She had en-joyed night-clubbing, danc-ing, tennis and playing the

Now there were times when, despite her high toler-ance to pain, she could not cope with the pain in her back and ribs. Even on a good day, she could not walk further than 500 yards.

The hearing continues



Quango blow to Major's grammar school plan

John Carvel Education Editor

for self-governing state schools yesterday punc-tured John Major's claim that his plans for reforming the comprehensives could lead to a "grammar school in every

Gillian Shephard, the Edu-cation and Employment Sec-retary, will today publish a white paper calling for pow-

to assume self-governing schools would take advantage of new powers to select up to half their pupils without. requiring special ministerial consent. Only 41 of the 1,034 grant maintained schools

ers to set up grant maintained schools in the inner cities to break the monopoly of comprehensives under local education authority control.

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Graham Lane, education of Metropolitan Authorities, says in an article in today's componing town".

posed extra powers to expand the sector would mean nothing without extra funding. Its capital budget is set to drop next year from £138 million to £134 million. According to Labour estimates, the average

would add a penny in the pound to income tax unless the money was taken from other schools, including those already in the grant maintained sector.

"Nineteen out of 20 chilof a new grammar Government's plan for a ers were last night planning a Family loyalties, page 9

folk councillor in the late 1970s. The party produced evidence to suggest she helped close at least nine Norfolk

grammar schools, including her own.

Guardian that councils must be "responsible for admis-sions policies of all publiclyfunded schools in their area" This would "effectively remove the need for grantmaintained schools."



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Minister 'knew New delay for deportee ill'

Geoffrey Gibbs

UPPORTERS of Albert Trong, the Hong Kong man fighting extradi-tion, yesterday called for clar-ification of statements that Home Office ministers were unaware of his medical condition before his arrest last

Mr Tong, who has lived in Camborne, Cornwall, for 17 years, was admitted to hospital with a suspected mild heart attack after being removed from the Methodist church in which be had taken

News of Mr Tong's collapse in police custody prompted the Home Office to investi-gate. It said ministers had not been told about his condition. Campaigners yesterday released the text of a letter

released the text of a letter from Immigration Service headquarters in Croydon, south London, which appeared to contradict that assertion.

The letter written to Mr Tong's Birmingham solicitors on May 24 — five days before he was to be put on a flight from Heathrow — said Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, was not prepared to defer his deportation.

The letter added: "The Secretary of State has noted your limit walk into the hospital at any moment and take him away."

comments concerning Mr and Mrs Tong's medical problems. However, he is not satisfied that these constitute a sufficiently compelling, compassionate factor to justify defer-ring Mr Tong's removal."

A Home Office spokes-

woman said the letter had been worded in that way because under the Immigration Act every action taken by the service was on behalf of the Home Secretary. Matthew Taylor, the Liberal Democrat MP for Truro,

yesterday called on the Gov-ernment to make a statement on the case. "Letters have been signed on behalf of ministers that have clearly contradicted statements.
"Although the Home Office has announced an internal in-quiry they have not an-

retary of State has noted your him away."

British Library

David Hencke

HE full opening of the British Library is to be delayed by yet another year as well as costing the taxpayer an extra £15 million, MPs heard yesterday.

Brian Lang, chief executive of the British Library, told the Public Accounts Committee that the date for the final stage of the scheme — the opening of the science reading room — had been put back from March 1998 to June 1999. The opening of the first part of the library, the humanities reading room, has been put back a further month to November 1997. The

entire library should have been opened in 1993. The extra £15 million on the

The extra £15 million on the £511 million budget was because of overspending.

MPs criticised Mr Lang and Hayden Phillips, permanent secretary at the Department of National Heritage, for a 'sorry story of failure' and "a hean feast for management bean feast for management consultants".

The idea for a new library was first mooted 50 years ago, took 22 years to plan and looks like taking 11 years to build and will reach full capacity for science readers on the day it opens and for payer in this way".

humanities readers by 2003. Mr Phillips, under cross ques-tioning from Alan Williams, Labour MP for Swansea West, claimed it was "still good value for money" because of its new facilities to store books and the flexibity it offered to readers on the same

Peter Thurnham, independent Conservative MP for Bolton North East, was highly critical of the £100 million paid to consultants, including building up expenses during the time the project was de-layed. This amounted to a bean feast.

Mike Hall, Labour MP for Warrington South, criticised the big payment to Laing's, the construction managers, for remedying faults they had been supposed to supervise. Mr Phillips said there was

not enough evidence to prove negligence by Laing's and that other companies and the former Property Services Agency were also to blame.

Mr Phillips disclosed that millions of pounds had also

been paid by his department in litigation cases, but he refused to disclose the figure for "commercial and legal Mr Hall accused him of

refusing to disclose 'how much has been lost to the tax-

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Labour seeks fresh foreign view

Cook highlights party's desire to show internationalist pedigree

lan Black Diplomatic Editor

HE Labour Party laid out its international strategy today with a savage attack on Conservative "insularity and isolationism" that has drawn on "chauvinist, outdated nationalism" and sidelined Britain in Europe.

resources and displaying damaging indifference to its obligations.

Labour boasts of its own in-ternationalist credentials by promising to place Europe "at the centre of its strategy" though pledges on the sensi-tive issues of monetary union and the vero are all completely and the veto are all carefully formulated to give no hos-

alism" and sidelined Britain in Europe.

In its policy document, A Fresh Start for Britain, Robin Cook, the shadow foreign secretary, accuses the Government of squandering the squandering th

trade opportunities. In another key change the Overseas Development Administration — subordinate to the Foreign Office - will be transformed into a Department of international Development headed by a cabinet

Further integration should depend on whether it is essential in order to pursue common objectives. "But Labour will resist the creation of a centralised European superstate," it promises. As reported in the Guardian earlier this month Labour plans to appoint ambassadors from the business world to countries with big trade opportunities. In anofther world,"

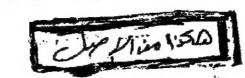
United Nations and revitalise monwealth, "At present Britalin is handicapped by a Conservative government that is isolation ist in its foreign strategy," Mr Cook writes.

"Their backbenchers and backwoodsmen increasingly articulate the language of a chauvinist, outdated nationalism rather than the realities

ism rather than the realities of the modern world."

In a strongly moral message, Mr Cook says: "We only bring our nation into con-

tempt if we apply double stan-dards to the values we demand for ourselves compared to the treatment we are pre-Labour wants to reform the zens of other countries." pared to condone for the citi-





GP blames efficiency savings for case of 72-year-old who waited 10 weeks for breast cancer operation

NHS 'needs an extra £6bn' North Sea snat

Chris Mihili

HE CASE of a 72year-old woman who suffered men-tal anguish while being made to wait 10 weeks for breast cancer surgery was an example of the dangerous cuts in the National Health Service, the British Medical Association

was told yesterday. At its annual conference in Brighton, the BMA called for an extra £6 billion to be put into the health service and for an end to annual 3 per cent "efficiency savings", which doctors described as a euphe-

man said: "We cannot go on three weeks under national in line with most continental tending that providers can be meeting each succeeding crisis with quick-fix expedients told she would have to wait 10 duce an extra £8 billion. meeting each succeeding crisis with quick-fix expedients which merely displace the pain and strain elsewhere. This process has been de-scribed as shuffling the deckchairs on the Titanic. We need to change the course of our ship of state into more constantly charted waters if it is not to suffer the same fate."

The doctors warned of insufficient beds, especially in intensive care units, and said staffing levels for doctors.

told the conference that the octors described as a cuphenism for cuts.

Sandy Macara, the chair
The past year has without the conference that the should increase its total increase its total

weeks because of lack of beds at the Royal London.

After numerous telephone calls Dr Everington managed to get her admitted to the Royal Marsden in west London in four weeks. He was later told that 12 other pa-

staffing levels for doctors and nurses were near to putting patients' safety at risk.

Sam Everington, a GP in Unambets east London, Dr Macara said the UK

The NHS was facing real

annual cuts as most of the extra money allocated by the Government was spent on extra managers or clawed back by the 3 per cent efficiency savings.

Dr Macara said the Govern

ment asserted that there had been an increase in funding in the three financial years 1993/4, 1994/5 and 1995/6 of 0.5 per cent, 1.8 per cent and 1.1 per cent. After efficiency savings the real funding over the three years was minus 1.5 per cent, minus 0.5 per cent and minus I.9 per cent.

savings year on year without disaster striking," he sald. Three per cent per annum is no trifling sum and the cumu-

of these cunningly concealed cuts can no longer be denied. "We have called for change: change to restore the ethic of a care-driven service in place of the cash-ridden business whose alien philosophy and ungovernable practices have brought us to the brink of disaster."

The Department of Health said spending was at an all-time high at £42.6 billion in 1996/97. "Last year the NHS received a real-term increase

Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, conceded that the NHS was under pressure but said funding had increase continuously since 1979. "Those who work in the

health service work under considerable pressure — that lative effects of the imposition is true almost anywhere in the modern world of work. "There are difficult choice

to be made always at the mar-gins about how the service grows. But it doesn't alter the fact that the health service is treating more patients with a wider range of care this year than last, and last year treated more than the year be fore. It's a growing service, but it's certainly a service under pressure."

Health managers scorn 'unrealistic' BMA demand

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

EALTH managers scorned Sandy Ma-cara's "unrealistic" demand for an extra £6 billion for the NHS and warned that his outspoken comments would frighten people and devalue proper

debate. "An additional £6 every person in the country billion is the cost of the police force in this country. tively cheap. It costs less "funding gap" for the NHS. police force in this country.
"Is Dr Macara suggesting we take the bobbies off the beat and give them all a stethoscope?" asked Karen Caines, director of the In-

stitute of Health Services At a cost of more than £42 health care spending.

billion a year — £725 for Tony Blair last wash

than 6 per cent of gross do-mestic product and, after taking additional account of private health care, Brit-ain stands 18th of 24 leading

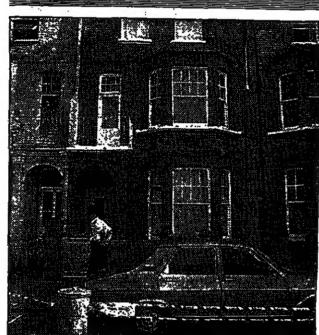
The Government is right to claim it has been increasing investment in the service. This year, ministers committed an additional £500 million or 1.6 per cent over and above inflation
 although this was skewed in favour of pri- advances, so this year's ment costs.

tal and community sectors, regarded as the NHS barometer, received 1.1 per

Experts agree at least 0.6 per cent a year extra is needed because of the ageing population and another

mary care while the hospi- real increase was barely

What is exacerbating problems is the surging demand for emergency hospital care, coupled with the annual requirement to deliver 3 per cent efficiency savings and, this year, a 5



Murder scene ... Fulham home of the strangled couple who could have been dead for a week before being found by police in bed also bound hand and whether this was related in foot and with a pillow over any way to the attack.

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Elderly Polish couple 'killed during minor house robbery'

Crime Correspondent

APOLISH couple in their eighties were tied up and deliberately suffocated at their home in west London last week in what appeared to be the course of a minor theft, police said yesterday.

Police found the bodies of Joseph Ploch, aged 86, and his wife, Kornelia, 82, after being alerted by neighbours in Fulham, west London, last Sahn-day night. They had not been seen since the previous

Sunday.

Mrs Ploch was found downstairs, bound hand and foot with adhesive tape. She had suffered a number of heavy blows to the head and clothes

his mouth. Both could have !

been dead for a week.
Detective Superintendent
Brian Edwards said that the couple lived in a house which contained no expensive antiques or works of art. They came to this country as refugees from Lwow. Police have made contact with a niece in Canada and are trying to reach a daughter who does not know of the murders.

Entry had been gained to the house by a rear window. No weapon had been found and it was not clear whether the attack had been during the day or the night. A num-ber of drawers had been pulled open and it was possible that their attackers were searching for jewellery. The windscreen of the cou-

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An undated picture of Kornelia and Joseph Ploch who had come to this country as refugees from Lwow, Poland

British Coal 'libelled' over pension fund surplus

Seumas Milne Labour Editor

THE National Union of Mineworkers went to court yesterday to defend it-self against a claim that it libelied the state-owned British Coal Corporation in an article more than four years ago in

the Yorkshire Miner. The case has come to court even though the journal, now defunct, was published by the Yorkshire Area of the NUM, which no longer exists as an

independent body.

British Coal, now divested of its pits and selling off the last of its property portfolio, is suing the NUM over what it described as the "nasty libel" of accusing the corporation of the theft of £450 million from

the miners' pension fund.

This was untrue, Patrick Milmo, QC, counsel for BC, told a London High Court jury yesterday. But the Yorkshire Milper had also conpared BC's conduct with that of "Robert Maxwell and his raid on the Mirror's pension fund". This "amounted to say-ing it was a totally dishonest organisation.

The NUM and its former Yorkshire vice-chairman Ken Capstick, who made similar claims in a 1992 press release, deny libel and say the story was fair comment on a matter

of public interest.

The dispute was over a pension fund surplus of nearly £1.5 billion. BC gained £442 million of this when it pushed through — backed by the Union of Democratic Mineworkers' representative on the pension fund committee — a 70-30 per cent split between fund members and the corporation.

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Animal viruses could threaten humans through transplants'

Tim Radford Science Editor

VIRUSES which could in-corporate themselves into human genes — possibly dur-ing transplant operations from wild animals — could threaten the future of man-kind, a leading scientist

varned in London yesterday. "There are so many of them, they are so variable in their manifestations, we don't know where they came from, and even our classification of viruses is basically quite filmsy," said Joshua Leder-berg, of Rockefeller Universi-ty in New York.

Humans have always been at risk from microbes. The 1918 epidemic of Spanish in-fluenza killed 20 million worldwide. "It's going to hap-pen again, and our present means of coping with it are quite feeble." Professor Le-derberg said. "We need to have programmes of vaccines which could be greatly accel-erated. The minimum is erated. The minimum in which a new vaccine could be developed and distributed today is six to nine mostlis. That is not fast enough

Prof Lederberg, opening a meeting on the future of human genetics, held in honour of the retiring head of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Sir Walter Bodmer, argued that private enterprise did not have the incentive to prepare for an influenza epimic. "It's obviously some demic. "It's obviously some-thing that has to be dealt with in the public sector."

The HIV pandemic was a grievous réminder that infectious diseases were unconquered. Tuberculosis, the world's greatest killer, was returning he said.

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News in brief

North Sea spat

AN ARMED British navy ship was sent yesterday to monitor the scene after a Danish fishing boat rammed a Greenpeace vessel as the environmental group tried to stop industrial fishing off the Scottish east coast.

The Greenpeace boat, Sirius, which has been patrolling the area since May, sustained minor damage in the clash with the Mette Elleson. The Scottish Fishery Protection Agency (SFFA) in Edinburgh said an armed fishery cruiser, the Shetland, would monitor developments. would monitor developments.

During attempts to stop the fishing, activists attached a barrel to a fishing net to stop it sinking and other protesters swam with a floating rope and blocked the passage of a Scottish boat. Greenpeace said the Scottish boat and 10 Danish vessels were still in the area off the coast near Edinburgh that is a feeding ground for commercial fish stocks, dolphins and seabirds, but had storped fishing

birds, but had stopped fishing.

The grounds are in international waters and fishermen from all European Union countries are allowed equal access. But Greenpeace said industrial fishing boats, which use ultra-fine Greenpeace said industrial fishing boats, which use ultra-fine nest to catch huge quantities of sand eels and other small fish near the bottom of the marine food chain, should be excluded from sensitive areas as part of an emergency plan to help the North Sea recover from overfishing. Reuter

Girls' kidnapper gets 18 years

A KIDNAPPER who held two schoolgirls hostage for more than three days was jailed for 18 years yesterday.

Andrew Breedon, aged 33, was high on drink and drugs when he lured the children to his flat, promising them sweets and £15,000 each if they posed for photographs. Breedon, of St Matthews, Leicester, pleaded guilty at Leicester crown court to kidnapping and falsely imprisoning the girls, aged nine and 10.

He slee admitted conscipting to surely comprolled drugs and

He also admitted conspiring to supply controlled drugs and possessing a pistol and ammunition illegally, last November.

The court heard Breedon subjected the girls to a "humiliating degrading and terrifying ordeal". He forced them to co-operate by holding a hammer to their heads and threatening they would be sold as "sex slaves" to Arabs. Breedon, who stored more than £100,000 worth of drugs at his one bedroomflat for dealers, forced

the youngsters to hide away in a coffin-like drawer under his bed for up to three hours at a time when visitors called. Robert Brown, prosecuting, said Breedon took pictures of the girls in various stages of undress during the first day of their

Capture.

Both girls were extremely distressed throughout the 72-hour ordeal, the court was told.

Eventually Breedon released the girls. They were quickly

spotted by a woman who had seen their pictures in the media. She alerted a security guard who took them to safety. The court heard that both girls, from Leicester, may need psychiatric counselling

Graham Buchanan, defending, said Breedon wanted to apolo-gise to his victims and their families for the distress he had caused

Judge Christopher Young told him: "You are an evil man who preys on young children . . . The public must be protected from

Yachtsman rescued at sea

A BRITISH yachtsman taking part in the Europe 1 solo trans-atlantic race was yesterday picked up 700 miles out in the Atlantic during an air sea rescue. Devon publican Peter Crowther was in a dingby when he was spotted by a Nimrod aircraft from RAF Kinloss, which flew to answer the distress call from the automatic eacon on his 42ft monobull Galway Blazer.

Mr Crowther is now aboard the container ship Atlantic Com-pass and will be landed at Halifax, Nova Scotia, on Saturday, said a Europe 1 race spokesman in Plymouth, Devon. The skipper, taking part in his fifth transatlantic race, was said to be "waying and jolly" when he was picked up, added the spokesman.

Tube drivers to visit Acas

London Underground will visit the conciliation service Acas tomorrow - but the move looks unlikely to derail Thursday's

A spokesman for Aslef, the union, did not expect to speak to management during the visit. Acas yesterday hosted talks beween management and the other transport union RMT to settle disputes over pay and hours. RMT is balloting its members on its own Tube strike, but results of the poll will not be available in time to join in with the first of Asles's planned series of four oneday strikes on Thursday. Asier's John Richards said union officials would present their

concerns to Acas but were not expecting any negotiation to take

place.

More than 1,000 Aslef Tube drivers are to be called on to walk out on June 27 and July 3. 8 and 16, after an 85 per cent vote in favour of action.

An LU spokesman said last night management were prepared to go right up to the wire with talks to prevent any disruption to services. "We are still hoping to reach a settlement before any threatened strike."

Delayed tourists take off

MORE than 300 tourists flew out to Florida yesterday after a series of safety scares on their jet delayed them for 25 hours. The 350 passengers, who were due to fly from Manchester airport to Orlando, Florida at 11am on Sunday had refused to re-

airport to Orlando, Florida at 11am on Sunday had refused to reboard their Excalibur Airways DC10 after a catalogue of problems
culminating in the pilot slamming on the brakes as the jet reached
top speed before take-off.

Two weeks ago 91 British passengers had refused to board the
same plane in Orlando after smoke filled the cabin. On Sunday
who checked in at 9.30am for the 4,000 mile flight were told it
would not leave until 6pm because of a chipped windscream. When
they finally boarded at 7.15pm they were told there was a fault
with the plane's anti-skid mechanism which would have to be
checked.

Two hours later, when the jet got up to speed on the runway, a

warning light came on and the pilot aborted take off.

The irate passengers were sent to hotels in Manchester and
Liverpool for the night and returned to the airport yesterday
morning. Excalibur claimed the warning light had been a false
alarm, but said it would be "quicker and easier" to charter
another plane to fly them to Orlando.

Apology: La Sainte Union school

APPEARING on June 18 with an article entitled "Blunkett turns heat on school meals" was a photograph of four young girls, in school uniform, above a caption which read "Pupils from La Sainte Union school, Highgate, North London, enjoying takeaway chips yesterday". Readers may have understood this to imply that these girls were the sort of persons, and this was the sort of school, and the service of school are serviced to the school of against which Mr Blunkett's speech was directed. This was not our intention. In fact La Sainte Union is a Catholic girls school with strict

In fact La Sainte Union is a Catholic girls school with strict rules requiring that no pupils be allowed out of the school at lunchtime other than with special permission, and this is a regulation that is strictly enforced. All pupils either eat a packed lunch in the school grounds or take a meal at the school canneer. The Guardian accepts that the photograph paints a false and untrue picture of La Sainte Union.

The photograph was in fact taken after school hours and some two miles from the school. The Guardian apologises to La Sainte Union and the four girls featured and their families for any offence caused.

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FBI agent puts First Lady in the dock

Martin Walker in Washington

believe that they can now place Hilla ry Clinton at the heart of the latest candal over the procuremen by the White House of confi iential FBI files on 407 Repub licans. Mrs Clinton will once again be made the issue in congressional hearings to be held this week.

Gary Aldrich, a senior FBI agent who was assigned to the Clinton White House and has since retired, is expected to say that Mrs Clinton "hand-picked" the man who obtained the files - the former nightclub bouncer Craig Livingstone — for the job of di-rector of White House person-

nel security. He will also testify, citing his own official reports to the FBI, that "FBI managen had plenty of warning that el-ements of security and back ground investigations were drastically wrong at the Clinton White House".

Mr Livingstone, suspended while inquiries continue, will stioned tomorrow by the House committee on gov-ernment operations in tele-

request for the secret files of Republicans and other former White House employees.

He will be joined by a former colleague from the advance teams of a succession of

Democratic party campaigns, Anthony Marceca, and a for-mer White House counsel, Bernard Nussbaum. The Democrats in Congress

are ducking for cover on this potentially lethal issue, with its implications of a White House abuse of power. Two Democratic senators, Paul Simon of Illinois and Pat Leahy of Vermont, are demanding that Mr Livingstone and Mr Marceca — widely being dubbed "the plumbers" in another echo of the origi-nal Watergate scandal —

Hillary takes it in good spirit

LILLARY CLINTON rific idea as well," Mrs Clinton said, drawing her imaginary conversations with Eleanor Roose velt, telling a conference on families that the former First Lady had endorsed

"Shortly before I arrived I had one of my conversa-tions with Mrs Roosevelt the-mill brainstorming for

The beleaguered President Clinton gained some relief court agreed to hear his ap-peal against having to appear in court for the sexual harassment suit brought by Paula Jones. The case should be delayed until after the Novem-The Clintons are also hor

ing that the scandal will blow over during the president's time in Lyon at the G-7 international economic summit later this week and Mrs Clinton's subsequent 10-day tour of eastern Europe. The White House hopes that by the time she gets back the country will be distracted by the Olympic

The Clintons are unlikely to be so lucky. Apart from the

The White House, fearing

embarrassing comparisons with Nancy Reagan's consultations with an astrolo-ger, is portraying Mrs Clin-

president being subpoenaed to give videotaped evidence in July in the trial of two Arkensas bankers accused of fraudulantly funding his 1990 governorship campaign, there are three separate inquiries under way into "Fliegate".
The independent counsel
Kenneth Starr has been formally asked to investigate,
and the House and Senate are

both holding hearings.
Filegate, as the FBI affair
has become known, is dwarfconcern Many of the 407 FBI files requested were for low-ranking staff, but some were on well known staff or aides from the Reagan era.

The White House is reduced to pleading, in effect, that Mr. Livingstone and his staff were petent, to uphold President Clinton's claim of "a bureaucratic snafu". Since Mr Livingstone requested only files running from A to G. and had a reputation among White House staff for inflating his own importance,

this defence may hold. Nevertheless, Mr Clinton was "very angry" about the White House's inability to provide satisfactory answers to questions about the files, his spokesman, Mike McCurry, said yesterday.

Democrats lose grip on democracy

Comment

William Safire

CANCER has been Agrowing on the Clin-ton presidency. Its lo-cus is the office of the White House counsel. Hillary Clinton brought

in her Watergate mentor. Bernard Nussbaum, to run it, along with two of her Rose law firm partners, Vincent Foster and William Kennedy. Under her guid-ance they brought in a known dirty trickster. Craig Livingstone, to head their political internal security. Their central pur-pose: to protect the Clin-tons at all costs.

Foster, afflicted with the festering Whitewater files,

was the first to crack: a suicide. The too-loyal Mr Nussbaum, blocking the FSI from the dead man's office files, was soon cut adrift by his clients. William Kennedy, who tried to cover up a patronage grab by using the FBI to smear innocent travel office staffers. quit

under a cloud That grand Clinton White House counsel tradition is heing carried to new depths by Jack ("Tell 'em nuthin") Quinn. With guilty knowl-edge of the Clintonites' wrongful obtaining and sustained possession of FBI confidential files, Mr Quinn tried to conceal the evidence of abuse under executive privilege

Only when threatened with jail for contempt of Congress did the former aide to Vice-President Al Gore hand over a document that led to revelations of political snooping into pri-vate lives, which the presi-dent tried to kiss off as a "bureaucratic snafu" — Clintonese for "third-rate

water is graft, plain and simple: the local bribery compounded by the use of ederal office to obstruct

What is known as Travel gate is the cover-up of the embarrassment at being caught making places for political patrons by abusing the power to prosecute, compounded by lying to 2 federal agency investigating Mrs Clinton's role.

What does not yet have a name is the requisition of the most intimate details of the lives of potential political targets by the office of the White House counsel. What do these three scandals have in common be-sides the centrality of the president and his wife?

The power of the federa envernment has been used to protect political friends from the law and to pose a threat to punish political opponents. In each case, a conspiracy has been unde way in the White House through concealment of subpoenaed records, perjurious forgetfulness and the wrongful claim of executive privilege — to prevent this abuse of government power being exposed by the Congress, the press or inde-

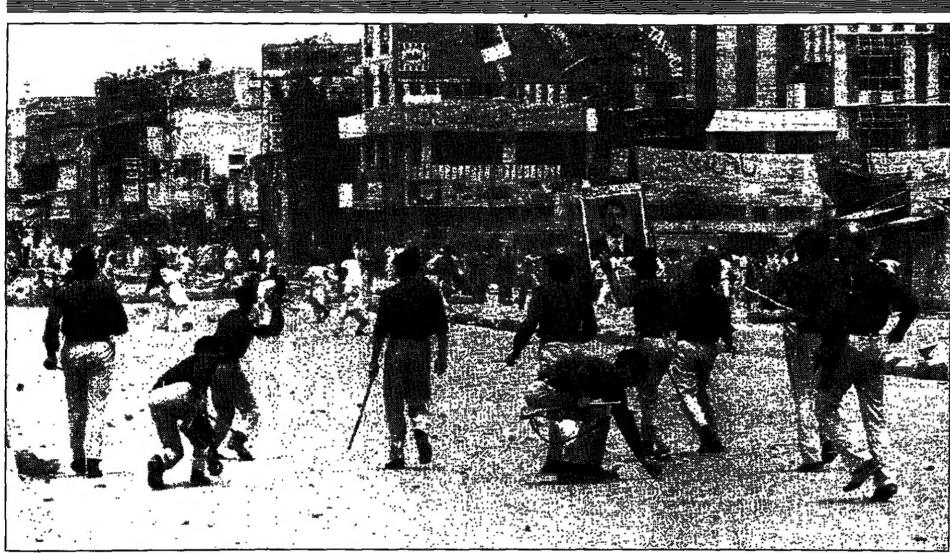
I have just returned from observing the Russian elec-tions. Worried about the closeness of the vote, President Boris Yeltsin fired his most venal adviser, the head of the KGB, and the bloody

handed defence chief. He purged his regime of its worst elements, not because voters at the polls sent him the message that he had to clean up the Kremlin or they would

If his embrace of the pop-ular Alexander Lebed does not satisfy them, Mr Yeltsin will even bring on board Gregory Yavlinsky and his democratic reformers. Fear of losing brings out his best.

But in America the rising tide of revelations seems only to keep the president high in the polls. The message he gets from public boredom in the face of sus-tained scandal is plain: hang tough, murmur "mistakes were made", get your partisans in Congress to see no evil, admit no wrong-doing, trust that no indictments come until after November, and don't change a

thing.
Confidence in winning brings out his worst.



A stone's throw away . . . Pakistani policemen pelt protesters from the rightwing Jamaat-i-Islami party with stones in Rawalpindi yesterday. The demonstrators had planned to march on Islamahad for a sit-in outside the office of the prime minister, Benazir Bhutto. At least three people were killed in the clashes

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Course of true love ends in Pakistan's high court

Gerald Bourke in Islamabad reports

on the religious and legal fallout from a secret wedding

T HAD the makings of a fairytale match: bright female student and hand-some teacher meet, fall in love and marry. But for Saima Waheed and Arshad Ahmad their wedding was the beginning of a night-mare, sparking a heated controversy that has put Pakistan's liberals and hardline Islamists at each

others' throats. The couple met two years ago at a debating contest in Lahore. Saima was her school's head girl, and its

best public speaker.
The mutual attraction was immediate, but they did not date. Their courtship was restricted to a series of increasingly anguished telephone conversations.

After deciding to marry, the couple agreed that, in accordance with local custom, Arshad's parents should make a formal proposal to hers. But Saima's father had other ideas, and wealthy doctor.

So Saima married Arshad secretly in late February, and returned immediately to her parents home, hoping to convince them that she had made the right

ber of a hardline Islamic side. Fundamentalist zealsect, found out he went to sanctuary is run by infidels him, allegedly at gunpoint, to surrender the marriage away from Islam. Some

Saima claims that her father forced her to endorse the divorce papers by beat-ing and drugging her, and then locked her up. She es-caped and took refuge in a home for distressed women run by the independent of Pakistan (HRCP). When Mr Waheed took

legal action to secure custo-dy of his daughter, a court ruled that Saima, aged 21, was mature enough to make up her own mind.

But it rejected Arshad's plea that Saima should be allowed to live with him, forbade him to see her, and consigned her to another women's home pending the

Several women involved in similar cases were killed by their families

outcome of her father's application to have the mar-riage judicially annulled. A subsequent court order allowed Saima to return to the HRCP shelter.

It is now up to the high court to decide whether a Muslim woman can choose her husband. Mr Waheed's lawyers argue that mar-riage without parental con-sent undermines the integrity of the family and is therefore unislamic and

Religious lobbies are

deeds and agree to a have ludicrously suggested it is no more than a brothel. Part of their problem is that Saima's defence has been taken on by Asma Jehangir, the HRCP's chairman and a fearless cam-paigner for the rights of Pakistan's long-suffering women and downtrodden minorities.

Ms Jehangir has long been a target of the country's religious right, and has received death threats since the high court pro-ceedings began in April. Mullahs flock to each hearing: a deliberate attempt, analysts say, to in-timidate the judges. One mullah was arrested after being found in possession of a pistol at a recent

Several women involved in similar cases have been killed by their families. even though the courts ruled in their favour.

Arshad was arrested three weeks ago and charged with adultery, al-though lawyers insist that there is no case against him. His family has been in

hiding since some members were beaten up. Pakistani secularists are taking a keen interest in the case. "Islam says a woman cannot give herself in marriage without the consent of her guardian. What can a woman own then, if not even hersel?" asked one newspaper

If the verdict, expected within days, goes against her, Saima's last resort will be an appeal to the supreme court. But whatever the judges decide, she and Arshad can expect little peace. They will never be able to They will never be able to A number of protesters resume their relationship.

A number of protesters were arrested. — Reuter.

Protesters killed as riot police break up marchers

Raja Asghar in Islamabad

CLASHES between riot police and opposition islamic protesters in Rawal-pindi, near Islamabad, have left at least three people dead and about 70 injured. The opposition leader,

Nawaz Sharif, told parliament that four men were killed when Pakistan's police fired on followers of his fundamentalist Jamaat-i-Islami party protesting against alleged corruption in prime minister Benazir Bhutto's government and new taxes. But the information and broadcasting minister, Khalid Ahmad Kharal, told a news

were killed. Troops were called in after hours of clashes between police and Jamaat protesters, who had planned to march to Islamabad for a sit-in in front of Ms Bhutto's office.

conference that three men

The interior minister, Na-seerullah Babar, later told the national assembly that the troops were withdrawn after law and order was restored and that a judicial inquiry had been ordered.

Witnesses said the police fired tear gas and gunshots at the protesters to stop them assembling at a park in Rawal-pindi for the march.

But the chief minister of

Punjab province, Mohammad Arif Nakai, told the provin-cial assembly in Lahore that the police had not fired any shots and the deaths were caused by firing from protesters. Mr Kharal said up to 30 per

cent of about 6,000 protesters had come armed and that the crowd included many Afghan nationals, a charge denied by

as talks begin

Nigeria defiant

IGERIA began its first talks with the Commonwealth yesterday since its membership was suspended in November, but was little sign that it could meet the concerns about human rights and

Its foreign minister, Tom Ikimi, arrived in London after two leading political de-tainees were freed in his homeland - part of an atternot to assuage mounting nternational criticism.

He told reporters: "Democracy has already been

The Nigerian team met the of seven Commonwealth foreign ministers which was set up at the Auckafter the execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other

Ogoni activists. They are from Malaysia, Zimbabwe, Jamaica, Ghana, Britain, New Zealand, South Africa and Canada, and they are bitterly divided about

what action to take. Britain wants the Commonwealth to adopt the limited sanctions imposed by the European Union, and will consider the additional measures that were threatened in April if the military regime of General Sani Abacha failed to enter a dialogue. But it seems

unwilling to go much further.
Foreign Office sources said it wanted an "acceleration" of the three-year timetable given by Gen Abacha for the restoration of civilian rule and a "clear set of commitments on human rights".

Concern about the prospects for an improvement was tuelled earlier this month by the murder in Lagos of Ku-dirat Abiola, wife of Moshood Abiola, the presumed winner of a 1993 presidential election annulled by the military.

Preliminary signs suggest that the Nigerians are not in a conciliatory mood. Lagos's Thisday newspaper reported yesterday that Chief Ikimi to emand the restoration of Commonwealth membership. sanctions, and support for Gen Abacha's transition to

democracy programme. Chief Ikimi also wants platform for regular dialo with the Commonwealth, the

paper said. and the EU are reluctant to geria, and there is little en-thusiasm for a proposal to

of the regime. The Department of Trade and Industry strongly op-poses sanctions, especially as British companies are the largest investors in and exporters to Nigeria.

At its last meeting in April the ministerial group recommended Commonwealth members to ban arms exports to Nigeria, withdraw military attachés, halt military training, ban sporting contacts and downgrade cultural and diplo-matic links.

Mugabe twists London's arm

Andrew Meldrum in Harare

IMBABWE'S white farming community has come under renewed attack by President Robert Mugabe, who is threatening to seize hundreds of farms unless the British government provides more funds for his stalled programme to redistri-bute land to poor blacks.

Yesterday the British high commission in Harare responded with a renewed appeal for a conference on land involving all interested Zimbabweaus and foreign december. babweans and foreign donors: an idea Mr Mugabe has al-ready described as a possible delaying tactic by London. Addressing the central com-

Addressing the central committee of his party, the Zimbabwe African National Union-Patriotic Front. at the weekend, Mr Mugabe said: "This land was taken from our people by the colonialists and no payment was made for it. Our people were just told to go ... This is what we are going to do."

He blamed a lack of British funds for the delays in the resettlement programme, and implied that his government would pay for the white-owned farms only if Britain provided the money.

provided the money.

Mr Mugabe said he had recently told the British government: "We do not have the money to buy back the land, which was not paid for in the first place. We said, if they have the money or aid to give should give it to us and we

will pay." He said the Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, had responded with a letter suggesting a "a national open meeting on the land acquisition issue, encompassing all interested groups including Bank" Mr Mugabe said this might be a delaying tactic.
Since Zimbabwe's indepen-

dence in 1980, Britain has pro-vided more than £30 million for the purchase of whiteowned land to be resettled by black farmers. Nearly £27 million of it has been spent so far. But the Mugabe government's 1990 plan to resettle 160,000 black families has fallen for shout of its targetter. fallen far short of its target: only 65,000 families have only 65,000 families have resettled on previously white-owned land. Even more disappointing, many of those families are are not successfully producing crops and remain dependent on government assistance.

In 1992 the Zimbabwean parliament passed the Land Acquisition Act, authorising Acquisition Act, authorising the government to buy land compulsorily. Two years later it was revealed that the first farms compulsorily purchased had been allocated to cabinet ministers, top civil

servants and army generals. Earlier this month the government imposed a 10 per cent tax on all sales of the tobacco crop, which has threatened the viability of tobacco, Zimhabwe's main exus so that we can pay for the port earner and biggest land acquired, then they source of employment.



Germany calls off visits to China

GERMANY called off a series of planned official contacts with China yesterday in a row over Beijing's human rights record in Tibet, but said it wanted to cool the diplomatic row before it boiled over.

The construction minister, Klaus Toepfer, and the environ-

The construction minister, Klaus Toepfer, and the environment minister, Angela Merkel, cancelled planned visits to China and the Bonn defence ministry said a meeting of senior military officers scheduled to take place in Belting later this year was now off.

The moves came a day after Beijing, angered by a German parliamentary resolution last week condemning China's human rights record in Tibet, said it was withdrawing an invitation for the foreign minister. Klaus Kinkel, to visit next month. A Bonn government spokesman said Chancellor Helmut Kohi viewed Belting's rebuff with "regret and incomprehension". — Reuter, Bonn.

Troops 'must stay' in Bosnia

THE United Nations secretary-general, Boutros Boutros-Ghali. will urge Britain today to accept that foreign troops must remain in Bosnia after December 20, the date the Nato-led I-For peace-keeping force is due to pull out.

Mr Boutros-Ghali's meeting with John Major precedes a gathering of the G7 group of industrialised countries in Lyon, France, later this week. "The secretary-general feels it will be extremely necessary for an international presence to continue after the I-For mandate expires," a spokesman for Mr Boutros-Ghali said.

The spokesman denied that the UN secretary-general would seek Mr Major's support for his efforts to stay in office. "He is not in campaign mode at the moment," the spokesman said. — Rev-

in campaign mode at the moment," the spokesman said. — Reu-

Particle accelerator in a froth

PHYSICISTS have launched an internal inquiry after an experiment at CERN, the European particle accelerator, was delayed for five days by two empty beer bottles.

A spokeswoman said the bottles, discovered last Wednesday, had probably been discarded by men working on the particle accelerator, which is 17 miles in circumference and buried more than 300ft below the French-Swiss border.

She said the alarm was raised after 2,000 physicists tried in vain for five days to get a learners and negitive man in callide in the

for five days to get electron and positron rays to collide in the accelerator. — Alex Duval Smith, Puris.

Wife appeals to kidnappers

THE wife of one of the four Western tourists held hostage in Kashmir, returning to India after a year, renewed her appeal to their guerrilla captors yesterday.

"It has been a long year for us, and I think that this is time. We are now at the one-year mark, they should let our men go," Jane Schelley, wife of the American hostage Donald Hutchings, said in New Delhi.

Mr Hutchings, along with the Britons Keith Mangan and Paul Wells, was kidnapped by Al-Faran militants on July 4 1955 while trekking in the Himalayan region. A German, Dirk Hasert, was captured four days later.

Captured four days later.

Ms Schelley spoke after meeting the home secretary, K. Padmanabhaiah, who has led afforts to win the hostages' freedom.

"Unfortunately there have been no positive results," he told her.

"As of now we are still groping." — Reuter, New Delhi.

Consul's death investigated

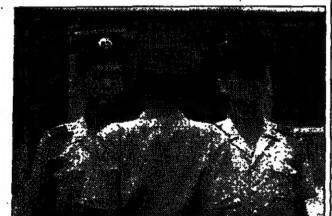
DENMARK and Norway said yesterday they were sending envoys to Burma to seek a full explanation of the death in prison of their shared consul, Leo Nichols, a friend of the democracy leader

Foreign ministry sources in Copenhagen said Demmark's resident ambassador in Thailand would leave for Rangoon "as soon as possible" to study the full circumstances of Nichols's death on aturday, reportedly of a heart attack.

Norway's chargé d'affaires in Singapore, Anne Thalmann, ant to Burma on Friday to offer support and protection to Ms Sur

Kyl, returned yesterday to Singapore to consult with colleagues but was due to fly straight back to Rangoon.

Nichols, a businessman of Burmese and British descent, aged 65, was arrested by the Burmese military authorities in April and jailed for three years for operating telephones and fax machines at his house without permission.— Reuter, Copenhagen.



Topsy turvy . . . Morning exercises become a little strained for this Chinese soldier (right) in Beijing yesterday as his hat begins to slip. Soldiers' hats were turned upside down to sharpen their senses and refine their posture, a crucial element in the duties they perform

PHOTOGRAPH: JASON REED

British planes bound for Paris

HEEF WARS notwithstanding. France has for the first time invited the Royal Air Force to join the flypast over Paris on

The gesture reflects President Jacques Chirac's personal admi-ration for the way Britain's all-professional armed forces have been reorganised since the end of the cold war and, more particu-Bastille Day. larly, the RAF's developing operational links with the French sir

force.

A joint air planning organisation, for example, has recently been set up at High Wycombe, to prepare for future peacekeeping

The British contribution to the flypast on July 14 will be four Tornado bombers, three vertical take off Harriers and a VC 10

tanker.

But whereas the late President Mitterrand british Chacellor
Helmut Kohl to watch the parade two years ago when German
tanks rumbled down the Champs-Elysées in a similar gesture of
reconciliation, no senior British politician is attending this year.
London will be represented by its new ambassador, Michael

Jay.

He plans to make his own point about military co-operation by arriving to take up his post a few days earlier aboard a Royal Navy destroyer at Cherbourg. — David Fairhall, London.

Hikers lifted out of canyon

HUNDREDS of people were evacuated from their homes yester-day and 10 hikers were airlifted out of the Grand Canyon as firefighters battled against forest fires in northern and eastern

The fires had burned across nearly 19,000 acres by the morning. and windy weather was forecast with gusts up to 25 mph. No

ann willing weather and damage were reported.

Injuries or structural damage were reported.

Residents of two suburbs about 12 miles north of Flagstaff were

evacuated because of a fire that had spread across more than 10,000 acres. The fire, started by lightning on Thursday, was only 10 per cent contained, officials said yesterday. Fire crews from across the country helped fight another fire at the Grand Canyon's north rim, which was also started by lightning it grand to 1 570 acres on Sunday. ning. It suread to 1,500 acres on Sunday, prompting a helicopter evacuation of the hikers. The main tour ist area on the canyon's

Outside the Anache Sitgreaves national forest in east central south rim was unaffected. Arizons, up to 400 residents of Pinedale were evacuated on Sunday night because a fire threatened their homes. —AP,

Russia's Communist leader seeks coalition allies as budget deficit worsens and infighting continues

Zyuganov urges crisis pact

ENNADY Zyuganov, the Com-munist leader, for a pact between Russla's main political forces, saying the country was on the verge of economic collapse and that only a coalition gov-ernment could now run it. To reflect the votes that he and President Boris Yeltsin

received in the first round of voting. Mr Zyuganov said that one third of the ministers in his proposed council of national accord should be nominated by him, one third by Mr Yeltsin and one third by the other political parties

Mr Zyuganov, who has stopped campaigning for the second round run-off between himself and Mr Yeltsin, said: "Russia is in a serious situa-tion and no single political force is in a domina tion." He then named 14 of his own candidates for a coalition government, and added, sig-nificantly, that the Commu-nists had already held talks with 12 serving ministers and 27 vice-ministers.

Mr Zyuganov is trying to woo Alexander Lebed, the recently appointed secretary of the national security council, who appears to be playing the role of vice-president. After Mr Yeltsin sacked three key figures in his security ap-paratus last week, Mr Lebed said he wanted the security council to have control of the economy as well as national

Mr Zyuganov's list was led by Sergei Glaziev, a former head of the Duma's economic committee, and a key member of the Congress of Russian Communities, the party which supported Mr Lebed in the parliamentary elections in December. One reason why Mr Zyu-

gamov appears to be concen-trating on rival politicians rather than his electorate is the fear that the power battle which raged last week in the Kremlin is still continuing. an economic crash is really that in the first six months of and the state debt Mr Zyuganov has praised coming, and with it the threat this year Russia had printed creased by \$20 billion.



Fighting talk . . . In Ukraine an Orthodox priest talks to commandos during a break in field exercises at a military base in Bila Tservka yesterday. The Church has spread its influence, replacing politruks (political officers) in the Ukrainian army by clergy

of presidential advisers headed by Anatoli Chubais of acting as a "fifth column" for

Another explanation is that

cial in Washington. Mr Bin Ladin's departure

has been trying to improve relations with Arab and West-

ern countries since the

United Nations imposed sanc-tions after its failure to hand

Mr Lebed, but accused the lib- of political strikes and civil 50,600 billion roubles while ertarian free-market faction unrest in the autumn. Most economists agree that Russia's state finances are looking bad. Andrei Illar-lonov, director of the Eco-

nomic Analysis Institute, said

rency reserves had decreased by 43 billion roubles. He said the budget deficit had worsened dramatically,

could well take off again in the autumn, threatening the stabilisation programme which is underpinned by a \$10.2 billion loan from the International Monetary Fund. Meanwhile the remaining

Mr Bin Ladin raised mil-

lions of dollars for extremist

Afghan leaders such as Gul-

buddin Hekmatyar. At the

moment, Afghanistan, racked by a three-year civil

war, may not be safe for him.

Other Arab sources say he is in Somalia, with the war-

they should support. A two-day party conference decided to make support for Mr Yeltsin conditional on a series of demands, including

a constitutional amendment

Hunt is on for terrorists' backer evicted by Sudan

Kathy Evans on

the wealthy backer of Afghanistan's

holy war who is on the run after being made homeless

SAMA BIN LADIN, who organised thou-sands of Arab volunteers in the Afghan jihad and has been linked to dozens of terrorist incidents, is home less after being forced to leave his haven in Sudan.

He had been living there for the past three years with his former mojahedin fighters. According to his spokes man in London, he left Khar-toum last month on his own private jet with several wives and children and 20 of his fighters.

Sudanese officials have kept silent about where Mr Bin Ladin has gone, but Arabic language newspapers have reported sightings of him in London, Ethopia, Somalia and Afghanistan. His exit from Sudan has sparked an international

over three suspects wanted in connection with last year's at-tempted assassination of the Sudan was placed on the US state department's list of countries sponsoring terrorism two years ago and has been condemned for shelter-

ing numerous terrorist groups, including those led by Mr Bin Ladin. In its latest report on global terrorism, the state department identified him as "the financier and provider of logistic support to a number of extremist

Stripped of his Saudi citi-zenship three years ago, Mr Bin Ladin is a member of one of the richest families in Saudi Arabia. His family's prominence in Saudi society qualified him for the job of alert among security agen-cles. "There isn't one Western for the holy war in Afghanigovernment who wouldn't stan against the Moscow- Sudan, or has secretly

like to talk to Osama," said a | backed government of Presi-United States intelligence offi- | dent Mohammed Najibullah. At the time, the Afghan jihad was supported by the Saudi government. Thousands of Saudis and nationals followed a meeting in Jedda between President Omar Bashir of Sudan and King

of other Gulf states were Fahd of Saudi Arabía. Sudan recruited, joining radicals from Egypt, Algeria, Sudan and other Arab countries. Most passed through Mr Bin Ladin's hands at a reception centre in the Pakistani border town of Peshawar. Later, when the mojahedin took Kabul and the jihad

Egyptian president, Hosni petered out, Arab and Western security circles became concerned that the war against communism had unwittingly created an army of Arab radicals. Many volum teers — dubbed "the Kabulis" - went on to launch violent campaigns against their own

A number were later jailed in the US for their involvement in the World Trade Centre bombing four years ago. Last year the Arab Afghans were said to be behind the bombing of the Egyptian em-bassy in Islamabad.

Mr. Bin Ladin is said to be rar sin Ladin is said to be travelling on a Sudanese passport under another name. Sources close to him say he has several passports.

US security officials say it is possible he has not left ing Sudan off the list yet," one

Arab analysts said be was likely to head for a country torn by civil war, such as Somalia or Afghanistan. His spokesman in London said he was in danger from

Afghan guerrillas.

Britain acted to pre-empt | the attack.

any request from Mr Bin Ladin for asylum six months ago by telling him that an exclusion order had been issued against him. Yesterday Foreign Office officials denied reports that he had secretly entered Britain.

As well as supporting sevgroups and governments lord Mohammed Farah Aissender and Companies of the local Mohammed Farah Aissender and Mr. Bin Ladin is a leading might be sold, or handed over to be losing ground to his member of an extremist might be sold, or handed over to be losing ground to his to the Americans or Saudis in exchange for money or favours or aid," he said.

Intelligence agencies in Pakistan are said to be hunting for Mr Bin Ladin, calling on their contacts among the Afrhan guerrilles.

To be losing ground to his member of an extremist group opposed to the Saudi group of an extremist group opposed to the Saudi group of an extremist group opposed to the Saudi evapons and support. In the past, Gen Aideed has been linked with radical groups backed by Iran, Sudan and Mr Bin Ladin.

Britain acted to pre-empt

Death report expected to blame Indonesia

Router in Canberra

HE Australian govern-ment promised yester-day to release a detailed report this week on the death of six Australian-based reporters 21 years ago in the former Portuguese colony of East Timor, annexed shortly afterwards by Indonesia.

The foreign minister, Alexander Downer, told parliament that the report, ordered by the previous Labour gov-ernment, would be tabled on

The Australian consul to East Timor in the early 1960s, James Dunn, said he expected the report to be critical of the Indonesian military, which some blame for the deaths.

The report was ordered in November after statements by former East Timorese soldiers, now living in Australia, claiming that five of the journalists were murdered by In-donesian troops in fighting preceding Jakarta's 1975 inva-

were killed in crossfire be-tween East Timorese factions. Meanwhile, Indonesia's politically powerful military said yesterday that it no longer recognised Megawati Sukarnoputri as the leader of the opposition Indonesian

A rebel faction of the PDI deposed Ms Megawati and elected the deputy parliamen-tary speaker. Surjadi, party leader at a congress in the North Sumatran city of Medan last week.

Ms Megawati, daughter of the late president Sukarno, the country's founder, told more than 3,000 supporters on Sunday that the rebel congress was not legal and she would not leave the party's headquarters in Jakaria. But the interior minister

Yogie Suardi Memet, said the congress was legal and the government backed Surjadi. The armed forces' socio-political affairs chief, Lieutenant-General Syarwan Hamid, told reporters: "The govern-forces, but also to participment has formally recognised with Indonesian industry."

Jakarta claims that the men | the outcome of the Medan congress . . . so it will not rec-ognise any rivals. If the government sticks to its stance, so will the armed forces." A lawyer from the Legal Aid institute said yesterday

that Ms Megawati's PDI planned to sue the interior congress and the police for giving permission to hold it. Analysts believe that the government and the military backed the rival congress because they feared that Ms Megawati might attract votes in the general election at the expense of the ruling Golkar party, and perhaps stand against President Subarto in

 Britain discussed defence co-operation with Indonesia yesterday and said it hoped to sell helicopters to Jakarta. The Defence Secretary, Michael Portillo, said after meeting President Suharto: "We are very keen, obviously.

to be able to supply equip-

ment to the indonesian armed

forces, but also to participate

the presidential election.

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Eating humble beef

John Major retreats from an unwinnable war

FIELD MARSHAL von Moltke asked: tee that the completion by Britain of the Kaiser tried to delude Berliners about the progress of the war by holding yet another victory parade along Unter den Linden in late 1914. If Moltke had been sitting in the gallery of the House of Commons yesterday, he would have had to ask a similarly awkward question. John Major had plenty to say about the Florence summit when he reported to MPs, but the more he said the clearer it became that his claims of of the Opposition accusations was unvictory in the beef war were every bit answerable and unanswered. as hollow as those of the German general on the western front.

In the end the Government was more anxious to finish the beef war than to win it. They went to war in May because other states refused to agree a timetable for the relaxation of the beef export ban. When war was declared, Downing Street and a succession of ministers insisted that the twin aims were the lifting of the ban on derivatives and the working out of a timetable for the lifting of the overall ban. The first was achieved on June 10, but the second has not been achieved at all. Yesterday Mr Major tried to pretend that his aim all along had been the acceptance of the framework plan. That is simply untrue. The deal that Mr Major struck in Florence falls short of the goal he repeatedly set for himself. Mr Major has captured no guns.

And don't his MPs know it. Neither Moltke nor anyone else watching from the gallery could ever have seen as glum a band of victors as marched home from the fray this weekend. Yesterday was about making the best of a bad job. Mr Major produced a wordy attempt to show that his policy had worked. Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown then together proved that those claims were bogus. There is no fixed date for the sale of British beef in the European market. There is no guaran-

"But where are the captured guns?", as control measures against BSE will unlock that market. The committee of vets which will consider the position in the autumn is the same committee of vets which caused all the trouble for Britain in the first place. The promise to allow exports to third countries is only a pledge by the Italian presidency, not a commitment by the Council of Ministers. The compensation package will cost Britain a net £2 billion. Every one

> Barely a single Conservative backbencher raised any objection. They tried to make out that this was the terrific result that they had expected when they marched off to war a month ago. But their hearts weren't in it any longer. There was no disguising the disjunction between aims and outcome. When this started, Florence was going to be the moment when Britain faced down its partners. But in the end the Government has given up.

It was left to George Walden, the demob-unhappy Conservative backbencher, to tell the truth his colleagues dared not admit; that the result for Britain has been lost prestige, lost money and lost cattle. Mr Walden, rightly, went further. It was, he said, a mistaken policy, into which the Government (and to some extent the Opposition) were driven by the petty chauvinism of the tabloid press. Mr Walden is right, and the political world should not forget why. The beef war was the logical consequence of the Euro-hating mood fermented all year by the press and the Conservative right. The retreat from Florence was in turn the inevitable outcome of the war. The Eurosceptics sat quietly yesterday, as well they should have done. This was their war. It was unwinnable and undesirable. Their strategy has been weighed in the balance and found wanting.

The cheque book and the NHS

Tony Blair's plans are sensible — but will need more money

AFTER last week's grown-up debate | which will not win any credibility with about health, yesterday was back to the apocalypse. The two visions of the NHS could not have been more different: one from a professional, the other from a politician. But can you identify the agers heard that there was not a Tory plot to privatise the NHS; that it was has happened over the past 16 years has been wrong"; that a further organisational upheaval would be unhelpful. Yesterday the opening day of the British Medical Association heaard about a sinking Titanic, dissembling efficiency indices, an NHS loaded down by a doctrine of despair: rationing. Ironically, it was the Leader of the Opposition who was ready to concede that some changes introduced by the Conservatives had improved the NHS and the retiring leader of the BMA, who was still fighting battles that ended five

Tony Blair's speech was sensible and shrewd. There is no point in trying to fool a professional audience. By refusing to soup up the problems — a temptation which his shadow Health Secretary is still unable to resist — he earned the respect of a group of professionals who will play a key part in determining the public popularity of any future Labour government. But Dr Sandy Macara's address to the BMA was misjudged Leaders are meant to lead. Banging drums and demanding an extra £6 billion for health is pure populism will never be realised.

the people with whom the BMA has to negotiate: ministers and the NHS exec-

Underfunding is a serious issue for the NHS. Like the two other fundamenauthors? Last week health service man- tal problems - rationing and the withdrawal of continuing nursing care — it was left untouched by the Govern-"not correct to say that everything that | ment's restructuring. Labour has a new idea for rationing: building up from the bottom a list of treatments to which all individuals are entitled, rather than the top-down approach of the Royal College of Physicians, which has called for a national council for health care priorities, which would monitor what is happening and provide guidelines on effective treatment. Both ideas need testing. But neither resolves the underfunding problem. Obviously some extra money can be "saved" from reducing the threefold increase in administrative costs generated by the Government's internal market, but Tony Blair was right to concede that this would not bridge the gap. The stark choice facing the NHS was succinctly set out by Labour's leader: a scaled down service under which people increasingly reach for their cheque books to pay for private cover; or a modernised service providing the "quickest and best" treatment. He held out hope of extra cash. The task now is to transform his "hope" into an unequivocal commitment: not £6 billion but something substantial Without it, his one-nation NHS vision

Let them eat goose

Packaged birds become a parable for our time

LET THE LONG contention cease, wrote Matthew Arnold. Geese are swans, and swans are geese. But not in Clarkstown, New York State, whose citizens have been driven to desperation by a plague of Canada geese who 'snap at picnickers'' and deposit half a pound of droppings per bird per day. There may be nothing finer than a flight of Canada geese in V-formation but these ones remain on land, turning ball parks into no-play areas. Ever since Alfred Hitchcock the US has had mixed feelings about birds. Tom Lehrer advocated poisoning pigeons in the park. World War III was once nearly started by a flock of Canada geese translated by radar into a flight of Soviet missiles.

The real threat remains not an excess of birds but the many risks to their survival. In March ten countries signed offers several layers for deconstruction, the Brisbane Initiative which seeks to going a good deal deeper than the mess protect the great flyway from the Arctic which it seeks to avoid.

| Circle down to southern New Zealand. Here in Europe, however, the World Wildlife Fund reports that only France, Spain, Britain and Sweden have begun to implement EU habitat-protection

measures for migratory birds. None of this is likely to move the people of Clarkstown. Previous efforts to budge resident populations of Canada geese in North America have been singularly unsuccessful. A few truckloads of them were once removed from a Long Island golf course and driven to Maine. They were back on the fairway before the trucks got home. Clarkstown has now found a solution but it raises more questions than it answers. The birds are shipped to a processing plant, ground up and sent back in frozen packages - to be distributed to the poor. As a comment on our times this



Lighting up time runs out of puff

AY I suggest that in future your interviewers write "puffing on cigarettes," rather than "puffing on Marlboros" (Curse luck, June 20, but merely the most recent example of a persistent trait). Notherly needs to know what body needs to know what brand of tobacco Ms Getty smokes, but we all know that smoking is closely linked with fashion. For example, Benson & Hedges are apparently the best-selling cigarettes in the UK, yet after four years at university I have never witnessed any-body smoke anything other than Marlboro or Marlboro

Lights.
If (as the tobacco giants claim) cigarette adverts are only to persuade smokers to switch brands, then perhaps you should consider stopping doling out free publicity. Matthew Tempest. 103 Queen Alexandra

Judd Street, London WCL

AS AN ex-smoker it appears to me that children over the last decade are smoking even more than my peers did 30 years ago (Teenagers 30 years ago (Te ignore risk of smoking", tobacco advertising reduce immediate effects of passive June 12).

You can blame poster cam paigns, cigarettes readily-available in every other shop, or sponsorship of sport. One facet that seems to me important is press photography. Why is it felt necessary to photograph a prominent per-son (indeed anybody) puffing away on some old dog-end? I have noticed at least two examples in the Guardian in the last week, but the real dam-age is done by teen and music

Bush war

standing overseas.

now simply to be an executive of Worldwide, the BBC's cor-

porate overseas marketing arm, the indispensable over-

seas transmitters are to be

stripping with a vengeance.

Does the Foreign Office understand the implications?

If so, there has been no com-ment. But if the managing di-rector of the World Service

was not even consulted and

given only one day's advance notice of the public announce-

ment, perhaps the Foreign Office read about it in the

papers. Were the BBC's gover-

nors, who represent the pub-lic interest, fully briefed, and

was the World Service's man-

aging director allowed even-

tually to warn them of the likely consequences of the

new order? John Birt's BBC talks a

great deal about transparen-cy, consultation and public

ccountability. Admirable

qualities, certainly, but now

World Service deputy manag-

totally ignored

Sands, Shire Lane,

Christopher Bell.

ing director, 1983-89,

Hertfordshire WD3 5NH.

AY I suggest that in | magazines, whose pages seem full of such pictures, showing the rich and famous - those whom teenagers look up to — sucking in the foul and harmful smoke of a cigarette. Alan Gilham.

4 Fisher Road. Bishops Itchington, Leamington Spa, Warwicks CV38 ORE.

WE ARE delighted that Tony Blair has committed the Labour Party to a ban on tobacco advertising (Blair pledges to ban tobacco ad-verts in health revival plan, June 20). ASH has long been campaigning for a compreensive ban to cover all forms of promotion and indirect advertising of tobacco.

However, it is a pity that we will have to wait for a change of government before this crucial measure to protect our children's health is introduced. About 450 children start smoking every day and research has shown that cigarette advertising encourages them both to start and to carry on with their habit. The Department of Health's chief economic adviser's report concluded that bans on

tobacco consumption yet the Government still refuses to take action. A ban is needed immediately to stop yet more children falling victim to the industry' tobacco

propaganda. Pamela Furness. Chief executive, Action smoking and health, 12-15 Dartmouth Street, London SW1H 9BL

WAS disgusted to see that the Guardian was prepared to carry an advert for Philip Morris (June 18); if "hard" drugs were legalised would you carry adverts for their manufacturers arguing that their products were no more harmful than eating fatty foods?

To make matters worse the advert also contained an attack on "political correct-ness." This was typical of right-wing propaganda which tries to persuade us that any campaign against vested in-terests is motivated by something other that concern or intelleigence. Those of us who campaign against the damage done by inconsiderate smok-ers and multi-nationals do so

neurotic ultra-left loonies. Helen Miller. 13 Kelvinside Terrace South Glasgow G20 6DW. HE full page ad from Philip Morris (Guardian,

the main points about the dangers of passive smoking. The ad ignores the vast body of research which documents the dangers of passive smok-ing to health — and this includes not just increases in lung cancer but problems ranging from increased levels of asthma and bronchitis to increases in cot deaths (SIDS) of children of mothers who

> smoking is, of course, not can-cer but coronary heart We should be asking: why are they are running this European-wide campaign to convince us of the safety of secondary tobacco smoke? Could it have anything to do with the falling consumption of cigarettes in Europe? The debate should be one of public or free market economics. Martin Caraher.

smoke. The greatest risk from

Principal lecturer, health and health promotion Thames Valley University, 32-38 Uxbridge Road, Ealing. London W5 2BS.

DO NOT enjoy sitting in a public place opposite some-one eating biscuits. But they do not (usually) blow crumbs in my face. Arthur Davis.

14 Queens Gate Gardens, London SW7 5LY.

Terribly, terribly British

MATTHEW Engel's excel-lent feature on the un-easy future of the BBC World reveals that the Guardian, like the rest of the English media, has deep Little Eng-lander prejudices. Matthew Engel (Land of hope and Service (Bush whacked, June 20) should set alarm bells ringing at Westminster and Whitehall. Parliamentary Tory? June 22) talks about grant-in-aid funds the World England's World Cup perfor-Service and most MPs appreciate its enormous contribumances and British politics; what about how 1966 was seen in Scotland, Wales and Northtion to bolstering Britain's ern Ireland? Sadly, the present BBC

The Guardian guide to "how our sporting heroes cheered and depressed us" management seem to care lit-tle either for Bush House's reputation or its integrity. gives us the highs of England Under the Birt proposals, verin 1966 and lows of England in nacular language service pro-ducers are to be divorced 1950 and 1970 at football and, for a little diversity, England from their English language at cricket; no mention of Scotcolleagues, the World Ser-vice's managing director tish highs and lows. who used to report directly to the Director General — is

Are you really surprised that many Scots, Welsh and lrish cheer on your opponents when the "British" media media continually call England "our country" and "our nation". Despite so much in common. we are clearly growing apart.
This four week carnival of football has been a feast of English nationalism and has weep our country.
Michael Toner.
15 Limekilnburn Ro Quarter,
Hamilton ML3 7XA. privatised and the skilled engineering scheduling staff moved out of Bush House. This is downsizing and asset-

OUR coverage of Euro 96 | further exposed the fragility would love to imagine future where I enthusiastically supported England at football, but this seems a long way off. I will, reluctantly, be cheering for Germany in the semi-finals. Gerry Hassan 29 Moray Place,

Strathbungo, Glasgow, G41 2BL. SWorld Cup in 1966 -

(Football must banish base nationalism, Leader, June 24)? Those of us in John Bull's northern colony know exactly who "won" the trophy that year. We also know what base nationalism" is: it's the insufferable arrogance of the English media. And when Germany wins on Wednes-day, a wave of euphoria will sweep our country. Michael Toner. 15 Limekilnburn Road,

mament will provide all con-

Trickle down

▲ BURST water main near tour house at the weekend reduced our supply to a trickle. Since we live in the Yorkshire Water area I tele-phoned on Saturday morning to tell them of the problem. When the men arrived to deal with it on Monday morning I said I would have expected more prompt attention.

"What do you expect," came the cheerful reply. "There's been football on all weekend, hasn't there?" (Dr) Hugh L Porteous, 116 Totley Brook Road. Sheffield S17 3QU.

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The sage of extremes

ARE there two Eric Hobs-bawms." One argues in your pages (If the truth be told, June 20) that "left intelsmoking, not because we are lectuals" who do not want to be "palaeolithic sectarian survivals" must accept the basic contours of the "neorevisionist" policies pursued by Tony Blair, aiming "to reg-ulate and socialise the wealth June 18) strains the bounds of credibility. The information presented excludes some of creating... dynamism of cap-italism, not replace it." The other published The Age Of Extremes just two years ago, which ended by highlighting how old attempts to regulate the system did not work any more and insisting that we face an ever more chaotic and violent world in which liberal democratic nostrums are likely to prove futile.

It is a conclusion that gets the wholehearted support of those of us who see the only hope as through "replacing capitalism," even if this does lead to our being denounced as "palaeolithic sectarian survivals.

Chris Harman. 43 Lancresse Court, London N1 5TE.

__ASN'T Tony Blair already intellectuals in his hazy vision of "Social-ism" - a society of individuals, familles and groups exercising rights and responsibilities to each other and society, realising their aspirations and "backed and supported by the institutions of the state." And what about Gordon Brown's "welfare-to-work" notion of using public resources to help people into productive and active work, rather than sus-

taining dependency.

These may be only platitudes, but they may be more. To investigate whether they could be more, requires an intellectual project which 'left intellectuals' have signally failed to undertake over the last 30 years — to describe, analyse and proscribe a modern version of the public sector in a market economy the counterpart of the modern private sector corporation and the successor to the state public corporation and the classic post war local and no-

tional bureaucrary. The Conservative version of the modern public sector is to privatise it. But what is the alternative? How can it be transformed from a social controller, to a social and economic "facilitator" for civil society?

Ample scope for intellectuals to theorise, to show how it could be done, or why it can't - what are we waiting for? (Dr) Andrew Broadbent.
5 Tavistock Place,
London WC1H 9SN.

A twist in the test treaty

YOUR report understates the leading role that Britain has played in undermining the negotiations on the global ban on nucler tests (Nuclear test han treaty back in the balance have to be the property of the players are the property of the players. in the balance, June 19). This post-imperial twist from Whitehall appears to be aimed precisely at preventing the treaty from taking effect.
India is refusing to sign up
for the CTBT until the countries with nuclear weapons agree a date for elim-inating nuclear weapons. In an imaginative response the Government, now joined by the other nuclear powers, is insisting that the CTBT

the log jam over nuclear disar-

cerned with a perfect excuse for allowing a nuclear test ban to become a dead letter. This cumning wheeze ap-pears to have been conjured up by Michael Portillo, who never liked the nuclear test ban. It is a sign of Britain's weakness that it cannot face the prospect of renouncing nuclear tests without ensuring that the old colonies have signed on Israelian in the colonies have signed on. Ironically, the most likely result will be cold com-fort for Portillo. Britian will have to observe the test ban because the US will not let us use the Nevada test site, but we will not have the benefit of insisting that the CFBT should never become effective ("enter into force" in the jargon) until India, Pakistan and Israel have all joined the treaty. Whitehall argues that this will put pressure on India to sim Observers for the the verification system that comes only when the treaty is

Dan Plesch. British American Security In-formation Council 20 Embankment Place, London WC2N 6NN

in force.

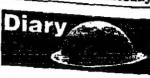
cknowledge receipt of letters.

A Country Diary

CHESHIRE: It was the plight | down as parents were now of the common whitethroat in 1969 that first alerted European ornithologists to the disastrous drought in the Sahel region south of the Sahara, where our birds spend their winter months. In the spring of that year only 25 per cent returned to the UK to breed and the population has struggled to recover ever since. This year they have returned to the valley in encouraging numbers and as I walked across the broad sloping meadow towards the south-ern woods I found myself within earshot of three birds in full song. The energetic, scratchy warble was unmistakable as I watched one individual perform its short. dancing song-flight several times, bouncing as though it was attached to a piece of elastic. It finally dropped deep into the hawthorn hedge above a large bed of nettles where it probably had its nest one of its old country names is "nettle creeper". In the wood bird song had died

more concerned with feeding this year's young, although the repetitive notes of the chiffchaff could still be heard from the top of one of the tall beech trees. The ground cover had turned from spring to summer, with bluebells now carrying plump seed heads, and the leaves of ramsons slowly turning yellow, all under the fully leaved canopy. Along the river bank and in the alder carr the thick stems of Himalayan balsam had shot up and now dwarfed the surrounding vegetation — before long its flowers would appear and last until the first frosts of autumn. A moth fluttrosts of autumn. A moth nut-tered along the path in front of me, finally stopping to in-vestigate a patch of German-der speedwell, when I was able to make out a bright, white metallic "Y" or both white metallic "Y" on both wings — it was an immigrant noctuid called the silver Y which has appeared in pro-lific numbers this year, espe-cially in my garden light trap. J M THOMPSON





and all states and the same

Matthew Norman

ROM the Column That Supports Our Boys (hilarious catchphrase:

"Kraut of the tournament
you go, mein Herren!!!")
comes this statement on the eve of the semi-final with Germany, the Diary dissociates itself from any mealymouthed, pinko talk of appeasement to be found elsewhere in the Guardian. Captain Mainwaring wouldn't tolerate it, and nor would Vera Lynn. So then taking care not to overdo the war allegory, and pausing only for a nourishing monthful of powdered egg. we come to our Book of the Week — Biggles Defies The Swastika. With "his jaw set in true Prussian fashion", squadron leader James Bigglesworth has joined the Gestapo, escaping certain doom eve of the semi-final with stapo, escaping certain doom only by stealing a plane and flying to neutral territory. There, however, he learns that his pal Ginger has flown off to rescue him. "When he finds you're not at Boda." says Ginger, "he may be able to grab a machine and fly here." Biggles snorted. "Suffering crocodiles! Is he daft enough to think that the Boche leave their mathe Bothe leave their ma-chines lying about for any-body to pick up?" When Big-gles counsels inaction, Ginger reluctantly accepts it. "Okay," agreed Ginger. "But I'm bound to say it

O lily-livered appeaser himself, Richard Littlejohn nonetheless has a soul. "Grown men wept," he writes of Stu-art Pearce's penalty. "I was one of them, even though I tried to pretend it was hay fever. It matters." Suffering crocodiles (tears)!!

sounds a sticky business to me," he added glumly. "All war is sticky business," Big-

gles reminded him. It is a

Haw-Haws everywhere might do well to reflect.

reminder upon which Lord

HE Diary is also moved to weeping — in this case, by the saintly lack of self-regard of Mandy Mandelson MP. Interviewed on TV by Andrew Rawnsley, Mandy assured us that he and Gordon Brown are great friends (Gordon's jokes about him were "a very effective way of putting aside all the gossip and tittle-tattle"). And yet, even more impressive than the deadpar wit, it was his utter lack of self regard that was so moving. "To be perfectly honest, Andrew," he said, "et the end of the day, I don't really about me." How true; how very, very true. . . No one is less inclined to complain to an editor. "I think it might surprise you to know," he added, "that I'm not personally ambitious. . . I'm not in politics for self-promotion." There really are no words.

NOTHER wan about whom Gordon Brown tells jokes is Scottish FA boss Jim Farry (he recently compared him, unfavourably, to Saddam Hussein). Mr Farry, whom we met ostracising a paper for printing a picture of him looking glum, is now being sued for unfair dismal by an SFA secretary sacked while on sick leave. "We were blissfully unaware that she was pregnant," said Mr Farry, questioned about her symptoms of abdominal pain and sickness before luncheon. "I also had that this morning, and I am not pregnant."

E are saddened by an item in Andrew Neil's Daily Mail column." I didn't think Strasbourg was the place for prostitutes.' I said to my taxi driver as he took me back to my hotel after a Euro-edition of BBC2's Midnight Hour," writes the Voice of Controversy. "I wonder if they can claim the girls on expenses?" Andrew, Andrew, Andrew. These are not the musings we wish to hear from one for whom we have unceasingly sought a wife. Are you try-ing to break my mother's

EGAL problems threaten Vaseline, a Egay club which meets on alternate Saturdays in north London. Multinational Uniliver, that splendid lubricant's maker, has sent threatening legal letters concerning breach of copyright. "They could have turned a blind eye," says John Goulding. "Considering we're a gay club, they should have looked on it as free advertising."



Running scared of the tabloids

Commentary

Hugo Young

**************** F Robin Cook becomes Foreign Secretary, he will be instantly engulfed by the power of the media. It will be the same for Donald Dewar, should Tony Blair de-cide on congeniality rather than abrasion at the Foreign Office, and shift Mr Cook to be constitution-reform over-lord at the Home Office. Anylord at the Home Office. Anyone who becomes Labour's Foreign Secretary on May 1 1997, still the best-bet date, knows he will be the frontman for the handover of Hong Kong to China two months later. In particular, as the tyrants roll in, his will be the soundhite to account for Marsoundbite to account for Mar-tin Lee and other Hong Kong democrats who chain them-selves to the parliament building in protest against a British periody for which he is in no way responsible. Labour is getting ready, even year ahead.

This no-win hypothesis is the kind of thing Douglas Hurd alluded to yesterday when deploring how minis-ters have to "fret infinitely"

every party. And not just television. These days, televi-sion, though no less preoccupying, seems bromidic and manipulable, with a conscience, and a licence-fee, to appeal to. The press, by contrast, has never been more significant. And here the treacherous friend seems to exert special influence, as witness John Major's de-spairing lunges after the favour of the Tory press, or Michael Howard's donation of the Home Office to the edi-tor of the Daily Mail. Pre-empting the wrath of Mr

market-place, where the bad is usually prelude to the worse, the fealty paid by Labour is still more damaging.
As treated by Labour, the press, tabloid and other, is a potent enemy of truth. It has become the reason for silence, rather than the agent of communication. Ask a shadow minister why policy is hedged about with infinite imprecision, and the answer

Dacre has become the govern-ing obsession of ministers, and the measure of their cow-ardice. Yet in this Gresham's

about the media". But not just ministers. The media dominate the lives of every senior politician I know in the noxious anti-German sew-age that was their contribution this weekend to Euro 96. tion this weekend to Euro 96.
"Just a bit of fun," said the editor of the Mirror.

Not all Labour's hesitations can be put down to the mias-mic power of bad journalism. Yesterday's statement from Chris Smith, Getting Welfare to Work, is better than aver-age: the description of a more humane and positive welfare regime, thoughtful and welfmeant, but with certain holes at the centre, notably con-cerning the Jobseekers' Allowance, which speak for the deep ambivalence of party thinking. Elsewhere, notably on justice and immigration, long desuetude has perhaps made libertarian utterance incapable of expres-sion. Here, fear of press reaction is no longer the sole credible alibi for reactionary instincts that have captured

the party's nervous-system.
All the same, fear of the press has much to answer for. The pre-emptive cringe makes a decent living for scores of spin-doctors paid to shape it. From the minimum wage to the tartan tax, from promises to spend on schools or hospitals to promises of higher tax on persons of great wealth, certainties are

a true reflection of the popu-lar mood. The cycle of illu-sion, by which newspapers claim and thereby gain gro-tesque and improper impor-

tance, can be broken by strong politicians. Douglas Hurd showed that when he was Home Secretary, and Tony Blair, to his credit, is showing it over Europe. For the rest, sitting on the pros-pect of a big majority, Labour is doing itself far less than justice by behaving as though

First, it exaggerates their influence. If unprincipled, bullying, hubristic tabloid editors are now more influenial than they have ever been this is because politicians have allowed them to become so. A weak government has sub-contracted large slices of its judgment to a coterie of journalists whose marketplace success it mistakes for

The leadership allows itself to be held hostage by fear of papers it believes have the power to defeat it

much is attributable to a kind of blackmail relationship. Whereby the leadership allows itself to be held hostage by inordinate fear of papers it believes have the power to defeat it.

Rather than launch some futile flailing against editors who haven't the smallest concern to change this, the Labour Party should consider the case against such subservience to its enemies.

First, it exaggerates their Pedal power on the school run ther ministers nor the Oppo-sition felt it prudent to chal-lenge this in similar terms. Yet the campaign proved not

the power of the press but the indifference of the people. Some polls have shown minor shifts. But Gallup asked whether a government which shut down all further Euro-pean integration would increase the Tory vote, and 77 per cent said it would either make them less likely to vote Tory or would make no differ-ence. So much for the inalienable right of the press to dic-tate the decisions of

politicians.

The third factor is the most suggestive. Fealty amounts to an enormous loss of opportu-nity. The neurotic caution thus induced may well pro-duce a mandate without substance. Worse, it is part of the reason why the Labour Party so singularly fails to inspire. There are other reasons too.

But liberation from media
thraldom would be an escape
into creativity. People buy
tabloids, but do not want them to supercede elected democrats. They are officious and detestable, a tribute not

to their own insight but to the bottomless well of British masochism. Their editors. never forget, have far less serious interest in the real world than do the politicians who have to make a fist of governing it. What the invariably relates to the wealth, certainties are wicked distortions that would otherwise be applied to it by the liars of Wapping or the Dogs, whose defence when pushed is the same deflecting reflects genuine indecision, in the liars of the press's claims in the labour indeed.

It may not get one at all. who have to make a fist of governing it. What the country needs is a party willing to explode their pretentions and fly free: New

Mr Blunkett's socially-de-prived constituency. An in-dustrial sponsor has donated £100,000 anonymously to match £100,000 from the Government. The city council has run the process and will keep control of the school, which will remain non-selective.

That harmony may not be obvious today when the Gov-ernment launches its assault on the model of council-con-

comprehensive monopoly.

The interview published yesterday with Pat Dessoy, the Prime Minister's older sister, revealed some of the folly

cation necessarily cost-free. It is obscenely irresponsi-

To those of us who care

about newspapers, there is something else. It was the

second world war that raised the Daily Mirror to

greatness. It saw the reality

of Hitler very fast and

warned repeatedly of what

was to come. During hostilities its mixture of light-

ness of purpose made it the

favourite of the troops and

the embodiment of the ordi-

nary Briton's determina-

ble journalism.

sives, producing excellent exam results and political

Yewlands secured technology college status a month ago after emerging on a shortlist

Although a Labour government would adjust the rules for technology colleges, direct-ing them to share their facilities with neighbouring schools, it would not with-draw the incentives for specialisation in the white children from every band of ability with a particular apti-tude for the school's

rolled comprehensives which has been the template for secondary education for 30 years. Until we see the text we cannot judge the balance of the compromise struck be-tween the Prime Minister and his Education Secretary on how far the Government is moving towards restoration of the grammar schools. It is wildly improbable that the wildy improbable that the Treasury would ever release enough funds to make much of their plan to let the quango running the grant-maintained sector build new selective schools in the inner cities to compete with the council-run

of his thinking. She told how the young John Major kept secret from his mother the incident in Wimbledon when he got into a fight with boys who picked on him because he went to the local grammar

The selective system did not seem to have done the Prime Minister much good. He left Rutlish Grammar with only three O levels. The 11-plus exam also divided the family since John and Pat passed and brother Terry failed. He may have no memory of this, but he has not let the deadline for a general election sito his mind. This is a white paper for action in the next parliais a compromise because he could not make Gillian Shements; and of Harriet Harriet tion defeat, not least because the opportunities of extra tion defeat, not least because the opportunities of extra tion defeat, not least because the opportunities of extra fund. This is a white paper and the opportunities of extra funding to support specialisation have been extended to ment, and by then much of it, white-paper script. David local authority comprehention, may be forgotten.

Jon Snow

VERY morning, 12-year-old Luke Watts sets out on his bicycle to make the three-mile jourto make the three-mile jour-ney from his home to Mose-ley School in Birmingham. He is one of only eight chil-dren amongst the school's 1,300 pupils who regularly risk the journey. Last year he was knocked off his bike by a car, but his injuries to his head and left leg — were not serious enough to allow him to join the statis-tics of some 3,500 children who were sither killed or seriously injured on their bikes.

It is not the child molester who tyrannizes child cy-clists and prevents them from making independent journeys to and from school, but the car. Parental fear centres on death at the hand of the driver, not disappear-ance at the whim of the abuser. So that whilst 90 per cent of our children own a bicycle, only 2 per cent use

it to get to school.

Dr Meyer Hillman's research at the Policy Studies Institute reveals that over the past 20 years in Britain the proportion of 7-8-year-olds allowed to make independent journeys to school has fallen from 80 per cent to 10 per cent. The consequences are expressed in the polluting, crawling madness that is urban and suburban school-time rush-

hour.
The consequences are also expressed in fatter, unfitter children who live in fear of roads and traffic, and whose basic human right of freedom of movement is seriously curtailed by the interface between their homes and schools and the motor

Our society has responded by trying to withdraw the child from the threat of traf-cycle lane costs £37,000 to paper. It might even want to fic. Almost nowhere in Brit-build. One mile of the M11 adopt some of the colleges ain has the response been to motorway costs £107,000,000. experimental admissions poli-withdraw the threat of traf-Despite Sir George, the cies, including testing childic from the child. That's national drift remains that dren at 11 to ensure a genumber of investing in roads and not inely comprehensive intake of aligned correspondent is people. putting his shoulder to the wheel in support of a group called Sustrans and the campaign they launch today to provide "Safe Routes to Schools".

In Holland over half the journeys to school are made by bike: in Denmark the figure is more than two thirds. It was not always so. Den-mark has had a 20-year strategy to bring this about. Danish education authoriensure the provision of into the bargain.

child-safe routes. These routes are not just pretty white lines and coloured tar white lines and coloured far daubed on the roads, they are tracks separated by curbs from pavement and road with their own sets of traffic lights safeguarding the flow.

Sadly for Britain, the Dutch and Danish experience rests upon the great British hatred of strategic planning. In any case many decision makers here regard.

decision makers here regard these northern Europeans as rather odd people living on flat lands rescued from

the sea.

Do they really have anything to tell this sophisticated hilly member of the G7 industrialised nations?

What they have to tell us is that if you compel the authorities to provide safe cycling for children, then the entire population bene-fits. Not only is car-use reduced and rendered more manageable, but the death and injury rate of children

falls.
Adults, too, begin to trust urban cycling more for themselves, and children who start a life of dependence upon the bicycle con-tinue it into their working

One central benefit rarely even gets discussed. A recent survey of children in the relatively safe market-town of Bury St Edmunds revealed that less than 1 in 20 children take even the minimum regular exercise to maintain basic fitness. Yet in the age of the computer/TV couch-potato, the technology of the bicycle too is evolving fast enough to ensure that virtually every child still wants one.

N fairness, the Transport Secretary Sir George Young also supports the Sustrans campaign and has even funded some pilot school-route schemes. But even this is regarded by many as the classic manifes-tation of the eccentricity of a bicycling baronet. Sir George's commitment to the bike fits neatly with the prevailing British view of Danes and Netherlanders.

There is no sign that any of the opposition parties would even contemplate a national commitment to get children out of buses and cars and on to their bikes. Road rage, death, injury,

unfitness and pollution need to be tackled long before we all run out of petrol. Forcing the wholesale provision of safe routes to school for children could achieve it in the lifetime of two parliaments ties were forced by law to and save money, lots of it,

Family loyalties

Today's education white paper and Labour's reaction to it are coloured by the experience of the leading players, argues John Carvel. This is their story

schools is a tale of five families. It corroborates an extraordinary revelation yesterday from John Major's older sister that he has "blanked out" large parts of his childhood, allow-ing him to forget his bitter personal experience of a selecrive education.

is a compromise because he

ODAY'S white comprehensive principle paper on the future which she and her headmasshape of secondary ter husband proclaimed so ter husband proclaimed so strongly in the campaign against selection on the Conservative-controlled Norfolk education committee in the

The document is the product of their political instinct for reminding the voters about the embarrassment of two prominent Labour fam-His amnesia made it possible for him to pursue the goal cided to send his son Euan to of restoring the grammar schools, but he could not go all the way. The white paper form of opting out was accepted in Labour policy docu-

John and Gillian's text today is designed to needle Tony and Harriet, inviting their op-position to new forms of selfgoverning and selective schooling outside local authority control, in a bid to ubstantiate an allegation of Labour hypocrisy. But the white paper does

more than play political games with future genera-tions of pupils. Buried under the froth of the Prime Minister's (undeliverable) promises to restore "a grammar school in every town", will be a sec-tion about ways to help more comprehensives to choose a specialism — technology, languages, music, drama or sport

 attracting pupils from across the ability range who may have an aptitude in the particular field. That is the a Conservative general elec-tion defeat, not least because

second son still rankles with Blunkett. While John and Gilmany of the party faithful.

Much of the rhetoric in been trading blows about grammar schools, David has been supporting moves in Sheffield which have resulted in Government-sponsored technology college status for Yewlands comprehensive, a school in his constituency attended by his sons, Hugh aged 15 and Andrew aged 13. If Labour wins the general election, the experience of the Blunkett boys may have a more lasting significance for the British education system than the other family

Technology colleges got off to an ideologically-controver-sial start. Under Kenneth Baker and John Patten, they were set up with industrial sponsorship in competition with council schools, and were venomously opposed by Labour local authorities. But passage which would outlive under Gillian Shephard's more open-minded regime,

tantrums and tenderness

appeared on the cover of the colour magazine produced



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A coarse and demented newspaper

Matthew Engel rebukes the Daily Mirror | at war with Germany with 51 years. The two countries for its second-world-war-style German-baiting edition yesterday

was fomenting hatred gainst Argentina. The Daily Mirror called the Sun a coarse and demented newspaper", and quite right too. Among the headlines and captions on the first three pages of yesterday's Mirror were "Achtung Surrender".

OURTEEN summers "Fitthy Hun" plus, of course, ago, in the midst of the the expected collection of Falklands War, the Sun | cod-Teutonic phrases, stale jokes about sun-loungers and even staler puns on the word "Herr".

The tone throughout was that this match was not a rerun of the World Cup Final but of the second world war. Maybe it was intended to be were "Actioning Survences".

"Mirror declares football war on Germany", "The Mirror Invades Berlin". and nalism. Britain has not been lines "IN BED WITH ELTON:

The hoofigans may not be country. I hope so relaxed. English football is not yet so free of the a sick, failing, that all is not yet so free of the disease that nearly killed it ate newspaper. funny. Only the humourless

in a football match. Under the Public Order Act 1986 incitement to racial batred is a criminal offence. There is a strong case for saying the Mirror should be prosecuted. Everyone expected the tabloids to go a little berserk faced with the prospect of a semi-final between England and Germany, a fixture that has exceptional sporting resonance, relating to 1966 and 1990, even if any connec-tion with 1914 and 1989 is forgotten. And it was hard to

by, believe it or not, the However, the other tabloids have proved surpris-ingly mild thus far. Perare about to meet each other haps the Mirror thought the other papers would pile on the hatred much more strongly, and panicked, as newspapers sometimes do.

this to be considered. The Germans can probably take it. They will assume this is yet another manifestation of the British tragedy: the fact that we have achieved so little since 1945 and have to hark back for solace. The hooligans may not be

There are three aspects of ness of heart and serious-

His boyfriend tells of tears, | to make this kind of provo-

If the Mirror is articulating the nation's attitude now, this is a very sick country. I hope and trust, though, that all we have is a sick, failing, and desper-

Reformer who fired a revolt

vara Arze, who has died aged 84, was reformers who forged the 1952 revolution. That uprising, olution in Cuba by more than six years, nationalised the country's tin mines, passed a sweeping land reform handing out land to the Indian peasants, and abolished the

Arze was a liberal lawyer from the town of Cochabamba. Before the revolution leaders of the revolutionary movement, the Movimiento Nacional Revolucionario (MNR). Briefly President of the Republic in 1979, like most of his country's politi-cians he dallied with military dictators, but he was a man of strong, independent views and nobody's pawn. By hap-penstance, he was in the 1967 Bolivian government that fought against his Cuhan-Ar-

Guevara.

The revolution in Bolivia. one of the poorest Latin American countries, had been brewing since the disastrous Chaco War between Bolivia and Paraguay in the 1930s. The MNR, the revolution's spearhead, was an uncomfortable coalition between liberal the right and leftist trade union barons. Arze, a scion of a famous Bolivian political clan, was always on the right of the party, and initially a close ally of its leader, Victor

az Estenssoro. Arguing that in Bolivia an orthodox socialist revolution was out of the question, Arze advocated a national revolution. "The evils of a semicolonial economy reach everyone," he wrote, "from the incipient national bour-

the Arctic

died aged 84, inherited the title from his

father, the master story-teller

John Buchan, and his early years would have fitted well

into an adventure novel. Lat-

terly, however, he enjoyed a

more comfortable existence

as a writer, naturalist and

Scottish Universities seat and

Tweedsmuir was always

close to Tory politics. He be-

came, in the immediate post-

war Parliament, a frontbench spokesman in the

Lords. His first wife was a

Tory MP and Scottish minis-

ter while their daughter is married to Lord James Doug-

las-Hamilton, also a Scottish

Office minister. Generally,

however, his own political

As well as Tory connec

tions, Tweedsmuir inherited

from his father a strong bond

with Canada. Buchan was ele-

vated to the peerage and ap-pointed Governor-General of Canada in 1936. In the same

year, his son was invalided

out of the Colonial Service,

having contracted amoebic

commissioner in Uganda. fathe Later, he described "the of 65.

profile was low.

His father was MP for the

company director.

Tweedsmuir, who has died aged 84, inherited over the entire territory...

pared him.

wages or vegetate in hopeless servitude. This is a case in which it is easy to explain the collaboration of classes in the common struggle."
This definition was well to

the right of that hoped for by the radical forces unleashed by the revolution. As Paz's foreign minister in the early post-revolutionary years Arze was kept at arm's length from internal politics, where the trade union wing was more powerful, and in 1956 he was effectively banished to France as ambassador. Returning two years later to the key post of interior minister, he sought his party's presidential nomination. But the tides were against him, he left the

Arze was caught between a leftwing out for revenge and a rightwing military terrified that it would be held to account

MNR in disgust to found the Partido Autentico Revolu-cionario (PRA), and ran against Victor Paz in the 1960 elections. He secured only 14 per cent of the vote. Arze had considerable peas-

ant support when campaign-ing against the MNR's bureaucratic and anti-democratic tendencies but his rightwing programme alien-ated the unions, which underpinned the government. This early split in the revolutionary party — the first of many — was eventually to diminish and destroy it. When a military coup took place against Victor Paz in November 1964, few people bothered to defend the old regime. Two years later, after

the cattle owning-tribes with

whom I did my short spell of

service herded cattle which

were scrawny; useless

It was a setting for which Eton and his father's old

Oxford college, Brasenose, (where he took a fourth in

history) had scarcely pre-

Culturally and therapeuti-

cally, Canada offered a com-plete contrast. Johnnie

Buchan entered the service of the Hudson's Bay Company

for three years and spent the

winter of 1938-39 with the es-kimos of Baffin Land in the

Canadian Arctic. This cured

him of his African diseases and formed the basis for his

best-remembered book, the

1968 autobiography One

On the outbreak of war.

Lord Tweedsmuir signed

Canada's declaration of war

on behalf of the King while his son enlisted in the Gover-

nis son enusted in the Gover-nor General's Footguards who were dispatched to Brit-ain in 1939. The following February, Buchan succeeded to the title on the death of his father in Montreal at the con-

father in Montreal at the age

ALTER Gue- ans who receive starvation quired a civilian, constitutional, facade, and Arze signed up with it. This was the regime that had to outface Che Guevara's Cuban-backed

After a chaotic period in which progressive nationalist generals came to the fore, General Hugo Banzer's 1971 coup d'état put a stop to what many people saw as anarchy. Banzer was supported by Arze, Paz and a handful of

other rightwing MNR relics. For a while Arze was Banzer's United Nations am-bassador but the oppression at home was so fierce that his party pulled out of Banzer's government and Arze retired

in exile to Paraguay.

When Banzer called elections in July 1978, Arze allied again with Paz, attempting to revive the old MNR, which still had an electoral hold on parts of the country. But the elections were so fraudulent that the civilian parties refused to recognise the result — which led to another military coup and political chaos notable even by Bolivian standards. There were three elections and five Presidents within two years. Arze himself once said memorably that "while there is a government there will be opposition and plotting. That has been Bolivia's condition since the founding of the republic." In July 1979, an inconciu-sive election result led to

Arze — then senate president — being chosen as President of the Republic. He was a compromise candidate with little organised support and, caught between a leftwing demanding revenge for the years of military repression and a rightwing military ter-rified that it was about to be held to account, was given very little chance of surviving.
The inevitable coup d'état

 by Colonel Natusch Busch came three months later, at geoisie struggling to develop a period of savage repression, the beginning of November itself, to middle class employ- General Rene Barrientos's 1979. It was followed by riotes, to workers, and to indi- military dictatorship ac- ing and repression in which

Lord Tweedsmuir . . . life

He fought in Italy with the Hastings and Prince Edward

Regiment, first as second-in-

command and then, when his commanding officer was

killed in action, Tweedsmuir

became the youngest battal-ion commander in the Cana-

dian armed forces. His mili-

tary career peaked in 1943 during the Sicilian campaign when he led his troops up the

mountain of Assoro at dead of night to take the Germans by

surprise. For this he received the military OBE. He was

also twice mentioned in

future career. She was Tory

MP for South Aberdeen

her first husband having been killed in the war — and

came from a prominent fam-

WEEDSMUIR'S mar

riage in 1948 to Pris-cilla Grant was deci-

sive in influencing his



Walter Arze . . . lacked the stamina and the charisma to stay at the top

several hundred people were

Arze's career shadowed the dramatic events in Bolivia over the past half century. He never perched far from the corridors of power. But in a notably difficult political era, he did not have the stamina or the charismatic talents to remain long at the top.

Hugo Estenssaro writes: Walter Guevara Arze cut an impressive figure that, under the right circumstances could have been mistaken for that of a Mongol chieftain. He had a massive, powerful jaw that earned him the nick-name mandibulas.

wife. In particular, he turned

down in 1952 the opportunity

to become Governor-General

The couple occasionally op-

race" he observed.

Although at ease with the sly wit of his native Cochabamba, he had a commanding presence and an air of smooth authority. This made him someone to be reckoned with among the young, articulate revolutionaries of the 1940s, perhaps the brightest genera-tion of politicians and intel-lectuals Bolivia has had. However this was not enough to make him a leader.

His lack of charisma was compensated by an intellec-tual sophistication his asso-ciates did not have. His time studying sociology at the University of Chicago gave him a different mental outlook from his fellow revolutionaries. His Ayopaya Thesis. written | politician, born March 11, 1912; in the 1930s and a key text of | died June 20, 1996

mined that the MNR was a non-Marxist left party. It was typical that Arze who was truly acquainted with Marx while the rest read

mostly Leninist or Trotskyis tracts, became the head of the MNR "right". His social dem-ocratic stand was finally vindicated by the present govern-ment of Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada, of whom he was the running-mate in 1989. Sanchez de Lozada, who had vis-ited him the day before his death, recognised Guevara as a mentor whose counsel was decisive.

Walter Guevara Arze,

Douglas Cleverley-Ford

of New Zealand although he was a staunch supporter of the Empire and Common-wealth — "the greatest achievement of the British precision

erated as a parliamentary double-act, notably in 1954 when they piloted the ground-breaking Protection of Birds Act through their respective Houses. "I believe that there is only law which can preserve the balance of pect a Hebrew scholar and an expert on preaching to be Tweedsmuir, who like. His house, garden and nature," I weedsmark, who listed his interests as "fish-ing, shooting and falconry" and was for more than 20 years president of the British Schools Exploring Society, study were all in perfect order. And when, to give his wife, Olga, an evening off, he did the cooking, the kitchen and the meal were equally told the Lords. "Namely that immaculate with the recipe

what is destroyed must be given full opportunity to replace itself." In 1966 Lady Tweedsmuir unexpectedly lost her Com-mons seat — to the present Labour chief whip, Donald Dewar — and joined her husband in the Lords. She died in 1978 and he married Jean Grant with whom he lived in Oxfordshire for most of his

remaining years. Lord Tweedsmuir was favourite Tory appointee to quangos before they were known by that term. He was a former board member of BOAC and chairman of such diverse bodies as the Advertising Standards Authority and the Council on Tribunals.

Brian Wilson

ily in the north-east of Scot-land. Tweedsmuir subordi-Lord Tweedsmuir (John Norman Stuart Buchan), writer and pubnated prospects for a political lic servant, born Novem or public life to those of his 1911; died June 20, 1996 lic servant, born Novem

HE FIRST impression of | The Sayings Of Jesus, was Douglas Cleverley-Ford, | published this year.

Douglas Cleverley-Ford, who has died aged 82, was just what one would exfollowed to the last detail and the ingredients weighed out with scholarly precision. When one got to know him, one understood why younger

colleagues kept in touch long beth, retiring in 1980. He had after they had ceased to work with him. He never tried to be continued to teach part-time and in 1973 was appointed as with it" but remained unashamedly of his own generation with standards whose worth he had proved for him-self. From this base came wisdom, tolerance, humour and an assurance that he would never break a confidence. At the end of the 1950s, following an initiative from the then Bishop of Bradford

breaks at Lambeth. He spent the final year of his life in great pain and after his wife's death in 1993 was very lonely but until the end his courage and faith shone

Douglas Cleverley-Ford, priest, born March 4, 1914; died May 4, 1996

Educated at Yarmouth Grammar School and the London College of Divinity, Cle-verley-Ford was ordained in 1937. He taught at the college until 1939 when he became a curate in Bridlington, moving in 1942 to Holy Trinity. Hamp stead where he was parish priest until 1955. Then he became vicar of Holy Trinity with All Saints, South Ken-sington. In 1975, with Donald Coggan Archbishop of Canterbury. Cleverley-Ford became his senior chaplain at Lam-

chaplain to the Queen. At weekends he and his wife escaped to their Surrey home to work in their large and beautiful garden. He wa extremely knowledgeable about horticulture and passed on hints to us during coffe

Sarah March

Thomas Kuhn

Science in its social context

Kuhn on the "structure of scientific revolutions" made him one of the most influential scholars in modern history. His work The Structure of Scientific Ret-olutions has sold more than a million copies and has been translated into more than a dozen languages. Thirty four years since publication if continues to be a basic text in the study of the history and sociology of science. Kuhn, who has died aged 73.

was the son of an industrial engineer. As a Harvard graduate student be was approached by the distinguished chemist James Bryant Conant, presi dent of Harvard University, and asked to teach a general science education course to humanities undergraduates. The programme, conceived by pare non-scientific decisionmakers to recognise "good science" in the brave new world of postwar America. The Harvard programme, and many like it, soon became a haven for those whose train-ing had left them ill-equipped to cope with the military industrial project which was to dominate science in that era. Kuhn's teaching would focus on a number of historical case studies to demonstrate an ac-cumulative theory of the structure of knowledge. Yet, whilst preparing for the course, he was forced to dra-matically revise his own ideas on the nature of scientific

Kuhn later wrote that until that time "I had never read an old document in science." Whilst searching for material to help explain Newtonian me-chanics to his students, he turned to a copy of Aristotle's Physics. Almost immediately. he began to recognise how dramatically different they were to Newton's concepts of motion and matter. He con-cluded that Aristotelian physics were not simply wrong or "bad Newton", they were just

Kuhn's thesis was that the acquisition of scientific knowledge is not a steady process of accumulation through trial and error, motivated as Karl Popper had suggested
— by some form of "evolutionary epistemology" that only
the most robust theory could
survive, but rather it is the
product of "a series of peaceful interludes punctuated by intellectually violent revolutions." To Kuhn, practitioners of science would align themselves with a particular structural framework or "para-digm," within which scientific activity would progress at a largely uneventful and some-

what cautious pace.
Although Kuhn was less than clear about the nature of their complexity, each para-digm would contain its own individual constellation of values and beliefs, with a clear procedural framework tailored to the needs of a particular problem-solving activity. Occasionally, these longed periods of relative calm are ruptured by irresistible forces of change which destroy the ideological struc-



Kuhn . . . a major influence

ture of the existing order, so creating a new paradigm con-structed around the requirements of the new order.

To truly understand the na-ture of a particular scientific claim, one must first learn to understand the context of its creation. The failure to regard the history of science in such terms was, Kuhn wrote, "no more likely to fit the enterprise that produced them than an image of a national culture drawn from a tourist brochure or a language text." Thus, the study of scientific practice be-came no different from the study of any other social activity - such as those of football supporters, trainspotters, or

The impact was both imme diate and profound. Kuhn had challenged not only the ways in which the natural sciences and its practitioners saw themselves, it also devastated the ideological structure of the traditionally "positivist" human sciences. Kuhn had disproved the notion that science was a wholly rational process. So, no matter how hard one might look, there could be no universally appli-

UHN was not without his critics. Many have rejected what they saw as a move towards philosophical relativism, raised by the so-called Kuhn-Popper debates of the early 1970s. Others have likened his description of science to one of "mob psychology." Yet, despite the provocative nature of Kuhn's work, he was a deeply conservative figure who often expressed unease at the extent of his influence.

Towards the end of his life Kuhn held the Laurance S Rockefeller Professorship in Philosophy at the Massachu-setts Institute of Technology. where his work centred on the cognitive and linguistic processes which bear on the philosophy of science. He was author and co-author of five books and numerous articles on the history and philosophy of science. Although less revo-lutionary than it had once been, his work continues to be a major influence in the social study of science.

He is survived by his wife, Jehane, and three children.

Tim Rogers

Thomas Samuel Kuhn, philosopher of science, born July 18, 1822; died June 17, 1996

Birthdays

Dame Margaret Anstee, for | singer and songwriter. 51; mer UN under-secretary-gen-eral, 70; Peter Blake, painter, illustrator, designer of Sgt Pepper's album cover, 64; Eddie Floyd, soul singer. 61; Rabbi Hugo Gryn, broadcaster, 66; Gen Sir Roland Guy, governor, Royal Hospital, Chelsea, 68; John Hanson, hemp ecologist, 62; Ed-die Large, comedian, 54; Sidney Lumet, film director, 72; Vic Marks, cricketer and writer, 41; Roy Marsden, actor, 55; George Michael, singer, 33; Carly Simon,

Robert Venturi, architect, 71; Peter Wight, cricket umpire, 66; Prof Arnold Wolfendale, astronomer, 69.

Death Notices

Professor of Commonwealth Literature, and Acting Vice-Chancellor. University of Leede, Beloved husband of May and father of Tim and Mangarez, Fumeral private. MTo place your announcement telephone 0171 713 4567 Fax 0171 713 4129

Jackdaw



Crossed roads WHY DID the chicken cross the

Plato: For the greater good.

Machiavelli: So that it's sub-jects will view it with admira-tion, as a chicken which has the daring and courage to cross the road boldly, but also with fear, for whom among them has the strength to contend with such a paragon of avian virtue? In such a maner is the princely chicken's dominton maintained.

Thomas de Torquemada: Give me 10 minutes with the chicken and I'll find out. Oliver North: National Secu rity was at stake. B F Skinner: Because the

external influences which had pervaded its sensorium from birth had caused it to develop in such a fashion that it would tend to cross roads, even while believing these actions to be of its own

Ludwig Wittgenstein: The possibility of "crossing" was coded into the objects chicken" and "road", and cir umstances came into being which caused the actualisa-tion of this potential

occurrence. Albert Einstein: Whether the chicken crossed the road or the road crossed the of the read tosses in chicken depends upon your frams of reference. Buddhs: If you ask this ques-tion, you deny your own chicken-nature. Salvador Dali: The Fish Darwin: It was the next logical step after coming down from the trees. Ernest Hemingway: To die.

Werner Heisenberg: We are not sure which side of the road the chicken was on but it was moving very fast. The Sphinx: You tell me. Mark Twain: The news of its

crossing has been greatly exaggerated. Posted on the "Sudanese" discussion list on the Internet by M. Mahjoub. Forwarded to Jackdaw by Peter Verney.

All thonged

LAST summer, the problem was bow to deal with air-conditioned offices when wear-ing the sleeveless shift (we worked that one out with cashmere cardigans). This summer, it's all about findin a way to look your best in narrow, close fitting pants and I've discovered that means there's no escaping he underwear challenge. To be able to carry off straight pants and a jacket that just about — but not quite - covers the behind, you're going to have to wear thong. I've realised this late in life, and I can't say I don't feel a bit ridiculous about it. Thongs, after all, are what strippers wear, plus, they don't look comfortable — and at my age! Still, one look in the mirror told me that it had

to be confronted. In order to

jettison the dreaded VPLs

(visible nanty lines). I needed to make a visit to the intimate apparel department. What I found out is that

thongs don't feel as bad as they look. But since there are several types in the market, you can't simply grab a pair and run out of the store before anyone sees you. To thong shop successfully, you have to get up the courage to spend time to try them on. I pass these findings on as support — in case you are in the same situation. You may not be. It's a generational thing — having broached the subject in the office. I now discover that my entire staff has regarded thongs as normal apparel for years. Liz Tilberis, editor of Harpers Bazaar, writes on the tradition

No discharge

of thong buying.

SIR; Could someone familiar with Nigeria's queer brand of English please tell me just what precisely the term "accidental discharge" is sup-posed to mean. My expatriate colleagues assure me that it is a phrase they have only

ever heard uttered in Nigeria by spokesmen of our local police, and it invariably comes into use whenever an innocent person has been shot dead by a policeman In my naivety, I was for a while under the impression that an "accidental dis-

Donald Coggan, the College Of

Preachers was set up. From 1960 to 1973 Cleverley-Ford was its honorary director, combining his directorship

with editing a series of more

than 30 books on preaching.
The first, An Expository
Preachers Notebook, came out
in 1960, the last, Preaching On

charge" was the same as a premature ejaculation. I spent many a sleepless night pondering the mystery of why it was that Nigerian policeman seemed so prone to this every time they shot some innocent passer-by. Being a student and some-time practitioner of sadism and masochism (S&M). I had long been intrigued by this erotic aspect of the Nigerian

Sadly, my depraved fanta-sies were laid to rest after extensive research into Nige-rian dialectical affections confirmed that only the gun-shot victim, and not the gunwielding police officer, loses bodily fluid as a result of an "accidental discharge". Now that I am able to view the subject with a degree of academic attachment, I find myself again returning to the

original question: Just what is an "accidental discharge" It is on record that the Nigeria police force carries out summary street executions as a supplement to o the mass death which occurs daily in torture cells through-

out the country.
In the meantime we plead with our police spokesmen to kindly desist from referring to extra-judicial shootings as 'accidental discharges".



Esquire . . . heckler's art

and it will never become close to becoming one for as long as any Keystone Cop, policeman or soldier can com-mit wilful murder and have it sneeringly explained away as an "accidental discharge Ahmed Toker writing to the editor of the Lagos Guardian in Nigeria, becomes further outraged at police activities when he discovers his dialectical misunderstanding. Thanks to reader Richard Douden.

Nigeria is most assuredly

not a civilised country now,

Big shout

LOVE heckling. Dare I say it. I thrive on it. But, and here its the problem, the wrong people are doing it. I think there should be workshops set up and that heckling should be deemed an art form. After all this is your change to say. all, this is your chance to express yourself and to defend your right to freedom of speech. If you don't like somebody, why not let them know? This is your opportunity for direct action and if you get it right it can be very effective

Gerry Sadowitz's opening

gambit in Montreal one year was: "Hello, moosefuckers." This was wittily countered by one of said moosefuckers leap ing up on the stage and beat-ing the shit out of him. Not a subtle heckle I know, but it worked.

I've seen one heckle destroy a comedian's career, and it wasn't of the "You're not funny" variety. It was little more than a whisper: "What do you want?" This hit the spot and the comic was stunned speechless; he retired soon after and is now resting in Valhalla. For any budding hecklers, this should be your

benchmark Sean Hughes on the art of heckling in Esquire. Bob Mortimer and Vic Reeves apparently became partners after Bob suc-cessfully heckled Vic in a series of his live performances at the beginning of Vic's career.

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Finance Guardian

COPPER CRISIS/Winchester Commodities had link with US metals company in Sumitomo affair

British firm guaranteed Global loss

Patrick Donovan City Editor

wide investigation into multibillion-dollar fraud at the Japanese Sumitomo Corporation, had a formal financial link-up with Winchester Commodities, the Guardian has estab-

for Winchester to take over responsibility for certain ified in the company docu-losses Global made in the ments, the spokesman said losses Global made in the business it did with Credit Lyonnais Rouse, the French bank which acts as clearer for the British commodity group. Such arrangements are not unusual in the commodity of \$750,000.

chester Commodities was able to take a \$40 million

pre-payment" on a single

deal struck for disgraced Jap-

anese copper trader Yasuo Hamanaka sparked an ex-

tended investigation into the

British metals brokerage by the Securities and Futures

Authority, the City watchdog. This "off-market deal", transacted outside the Lon-

don Metal Exchange and

which has become known as the "Radr" transaction, involved more than 1 million

tonnes of copper - equiva-lent to a tenth of the world's

supply and worth in excess of 52 billion.

SFA investigators discov-

ered it by chance, having vis-

ited Winchester's offices in

September 1994 as part of a

general exercise to revelw regulation at the LME. The SFA found that two

rading accounts had been opened in June 1993 — one for Sumitomo (called Radr) and the other for Winchester itself

(code-named "Magn").
The accounts took what

metals market specialists

refer to as "equal and oppo-

site" trading positions — one

Owen Bowoott

cash collateral on May 2, 1994. The document adds that the amount secured by the charge LOBAL Minerals and Metals Corporation, the US company at the heart of the world-vestigation into multiincurred by the bank in ex-cess of \$750,000 in respect of trading carried out on Global Minerals and Metals Corpora-

A spokesman for Winches-ter confirmed yesterday that this arrangement had been in Tished.

Winchester, a British-beased company owned by Charles Vincent and Ashley Levett, agreed to guarantee losses made by Global between June 1994. He said that it had existed only for the period between June 1994 and August 1995. He said that it was intended to guarantee margin losses on trading in the aluminium market.

Although no limit was specthat the agreement was that Winchester was restricted to guaranteeing no more than \$250,000 of any losses made above the specified threshold

\$40m 'pre-payment'

copper would go up, the other

down. The deal had a three-month life span, with both

Later that month, the LME

launched an internal inquiry

into volatile moves in the

\$40 million profit as soon as

the deal was first struck: fur-

ther profits were taken as the

deal progressed during the summer, with a final profit of

around \$50 million being

recorded at the close in September. The SFA believes the British broker netted a

gain of \$106 million, while Su-mitomo lost about \$140 mil-

It is understood that the

\$40 million pre-payment was to compensate the British

broker for the risk it was tak-

ing with the trade. The SFA also questioned the circum-

stances of the the final

the copper price around that time, the LME reached an un-

precedented agreement with Credit Lyonnais Rouse

whereby Rouse made a volun-

tary payment of £100,000 to cover LME "costs". It is un-clear why this payment was

\$50 million payment.

lion on the transaction.

market price of copper. Winchester booked

'closed out" in September.

roused suspicions

amount of money". Links be-tween Global and all other leading commodity compaexpected to come under scrutiny by regulators examining the circumstances behind the losses of up to \$2.5 billion (£1.6 billion) at the Sumitomo

Corporation.
David Campbell, a director naed by the US Attorney to testify before a grand jury. He will be asked to produce documents relating to Global's relationship with the sacked Sumitomo trader, Yasuo

As the Guardian disclosed given power of attorney over a Sumitomo account held at Merrill Lynch, the US investment bank. It is understood Merrill's London operations, although the bank said yes-terday that it could not comment about its customer's

Winchester has said consis-According to company documents, the arrangement was volved a 'very limited formation.

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The SFA qu

Sumitomo should want to do

this deal in the first place and whether Mr Hamanaka had

A report compiled in De

cember 1994 by Daniel Simon.

an SFA investigator who sub

sequently left the regulator,

came to the conclusion that

further investigation was

needed. One was subse-

quently launched in early 1995. Last year, the SFA told Winchester it would not be taking any action in relation to the Radr deal.

In addition to Radr, the in-

vestigators' brief for the new inquiry was widened to in-

clude a series of seven trades

carried out on January 4. 1994, with Codelco — the Chil-

ean state-owned copper agency — which had discov-ered that its chief copper

trader, Juan Pablo Davila, had racked up losses of more than \$200 million.

These transactions, involv-

ing about 80,000 tonnes of cop-per, were struck early in the

morning on the first day the London metal market was

open after the new year holi-

Investigators wanted to

know whether the deals had been struck at prevailing

market rates, and they were curious to know why the bush

ness had been routed through

a Winchester subsidiary in

New York - at 4am, New York time. The inquiry also looked at a

transaction involving about

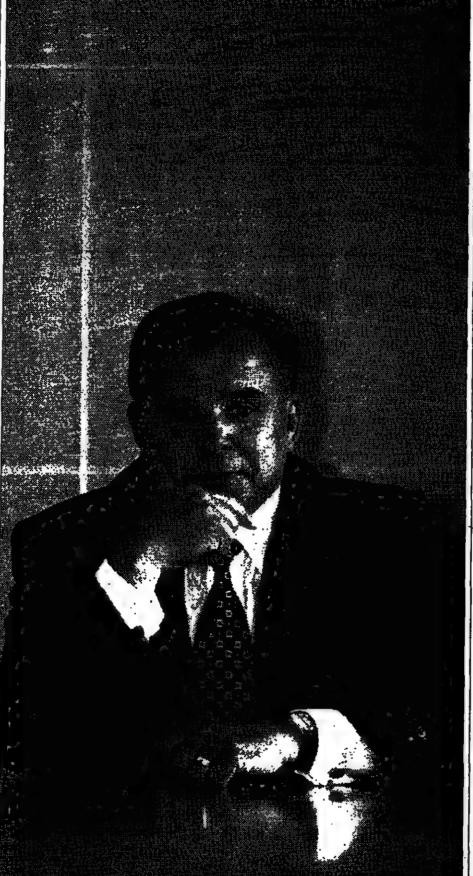
19,000 tonnes of copper struck later that same day between Winchester and Vulcania — a

trading entity registered in the British Virgin Islands but

operating from the Channel

Winchester was also

cleared in regard to these Co-delco-related deals in May



Home-grown . . . Insider John Stewart is the new Woolwich chief PHOTOGRAPH: DAVID SELETCE

New chief confirms old strategy for Woolwich

Woolwich Building Society into a bank and float it on the stock market in 1997 will remain on track under new chief executive John Stewart. He was ap-pointed yesterday to replace Peter Robinson who was ousted at Easter after allega-tions that he had misused society facilities.

Mr Stewart, group opera-tions director until assuming his new role on July 1, has been with the society since 1977 and was the leading in-ternal candidate for the 2900,000-a-year post. He was chosen from a shortlist of four after a long search to find someone capable of restoring confidence among the society's four million

members following Mr Robin-son's abrupt departure.

"To restore confidence in the Woolwich I want to get business back on the agenda,"

lost is one man from a very that the Woolwich has big strong team. The message received takeover bids, in-I want to get over, as opposed to anything about one indi-vidual, is just how well the Woolwich is doing, how strong our businesses are and how good our figures are."
The Woolwich is to make a

long-awaited announcement about its final settlement with Mr Robinson in the next few days. But it is refusing to de-tail the allegations, which Mr Robinson has denied, or the results of its internal investigation into the affair. Mr Stewart, who was Mr

Robinson's right-hand man for several years, admits the situation has been personally

"I haven't spoken to Peter since [he left] for very good reasons because it is in the hands of the lawyers. He be-haved in a way he perhaps shouldn't have and has paid a heavy price for that. But that doesn't mean I won't have fond memories of him and I still consider him a friend." Mr Stewart denied rumours cluding one from the Pruden-tial "We have received lots of calls from people intimating interest, but none that constitute an offer or bid," he said.

Were a bid to come up, "we'd have to be convinced that it was better [than the current conversion and flotation strategy] for all cer stakeholders, primarily in-

vestors and borrowers but also our staff". After conversion, Mr Stewart plans further expansion via acquisitions. "We want more critical mass in terms of life assurance, fund management and pensions as well as our core business. It could be one company if we find the right partner or more than one." He also wants to add "more weight" to the soci-ety's French and Italian mort-

gage bank subsidiaries.
He sees the Woolwich as one of the new breed of personal financial services banks, second only in size to the Halifar

Society spurns new blood



Edited by Alex Brummer

HERE is nothing intrinsically wrong with the Woolwich reaching inside its own organisation to select a successor to Peter Robinson, who left under an expenses cloud on April 2. But the accession of John Stewart, the group operations director, to the senior executive post at the building society is by no means a normal transition. The Woolwich is involved

in the most important busi-ness decision it will probably ever take: the switch from nutuality to becoming a publicly quoted company in the highly competitive financial services sector.

Mr Stewart argues that the transition may not change matters very much — except that the members will become

But that is a misapprehension. It will find it has another group of shareholders as well, fund managers who demand performance and dividends putting the quoted company in a very different

Moreover, like other public companies, it must make full disclosure of salaries, emoluments and pensions contributions, as required by the Greenbury code.

Plainly, the choice of a successor has not been that easy for the society, otherwise the selection would not have

supply. Barclays Bank took much longer when it decided to split the jobs of chairman and chief executive and appoint Martin Taylor to the lat-

The important point, how-ever, was that it reached out-side in the interests of public had more that its fair share of management problems.

That is a particularly sensitive consideration in the case of the Woolwich. Even though the society has a distinguished history, a good re-cord and impressive profits prospects (according to Mr Stewart), confidence shead of the conversion to a public

company might have been better served had it delayed longer and gone outside.

A senior figure from else-where in the movement, such

as Andrew Longhurst of Chel-tenham & Gloucester, might have been a useful hinge dur-ing the conversion, before the more youthful Mr Stewart took over the helm.

What will be critical, however, to the reaction of mem-

bers and the City is the Wool-wich's willingness to show exemplary transparency. There has been much hearsay surrounding the Robin-son departure. It is in the in-terests of all stakeholders that a full account of the internal report be made public, so that the integrity of the institution is reinforced.

Staple justice

ALTHOUGH the Serious Fraud Office has been widely criticised, largely because of its failure to obtain prosecutions in high-profile trials, its record is not as bad as one might

Overall, it has a 63 per cent conviction rate and, in more than 75 per cent of cases, at least one defendant has been

Even so, the director of the SFO, George Staple, is clearly dissatisfied with the outcome of some of the more prominent cases. He believes that the prosecution is at a disadvantage because disclosure provisions favour the defence. This, he argues, will be partly remedied by the better disclosure required by the vestigations Bill, currently through Criminal Procedures and In-

Parliament.

As weighty, in the Staple view, is the future of jury trials in serious fraud cas taken three months.

However, suitable candidates to head banks/financial studies, that of the Roskill Committee and Lord Burget. man's Royal Commission have been sympathetic to the fraud and their possible replacement by an expert

On the basis of his experience as a prosecutor, Mr Staple now appears sympathetic to this change and believes it poses no threat to natural justice.

Mr Staple is plainly on the right track. But one should also consider whether any such reform should be accompa nied by changes in the law which treat insider trading —

one of the most difficult cases

to prove - as a civil offence.

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Yasuo Hamanaka . . . authorisation for deal questioned

sure that any faint chance of unfair prejudice on the part of jurors was elimi-

Mr Staple said the ques-tion of whether "a jury of 12 ordinary men and able tribunal" for serious fraud cases existed because of the "enormous complexity" of modern serious fraud. He added: "That is the question which is in the mind of many people. They simply question whether ordinary people of no special qualification can tory way of "achieving jus-Britain had developed sufficiently comprehend tice" in long cases of fraud.

'I do not pretend to be sure of the answer, but I do think . . . with considerable experience in the field, we should be revisiting the question of whether the random jury of 12 ordinary men and women is an appropriate tribunal before which to try serious and complex fraud cases

audience that the Roskill committee on fraud trials, in 1986, found that jury trials were an unsatisfac-

cases in Britain jurors were not used, with more than 90 per cent heard by magistrates, while in many other countries trial by jury was

ence in the field, we should be revisiting the question of whether the random jury of 12 ordinary men and women is an appropriate tribunal before which to try serious and complex fraud cases.' Mr Staple welcomed pro-posals in the Criminal Pro-

inswer, but I do think ...

cedures and Investigations Bill, which he said would considerably reduce time in court. He defended the SFO's record, which has been under attack, pointing tice" in long cases of fraud.

He went on: "So why are been under attack, pointing on their verdi that in the we so attached to jury trial the office had been responsively of criminal for a relative handful of sible for trials involving 11 nights in a hote).

He added: "In over 75 per with considerable expericent of our cases at least one defendant has been convicted, and that has usually been the principal defendant." · Mr Staple's remarks come five months after Kevin and Ian Maxwell

212 had been convicted.

along with former Maxwell financial adviser Larry Trachtenberg, were acquitted by a jury of seven women and five men of de-frauding pension funds, after one of the longest and most expensive fraud trials in legal history. In deliber ating on their verdicts, the jurors clocked up a record

SFO chief seeks review of jury role in fraud cases criminal cases? I do not 338 defendants, pretend to be sure of the 212 had been conv

lan King

EORGE Staple, director of the Serious Fraud Office, last night called for a review of the law that requires complex fraud cases to be tried by jurors. Addressing a seminar on

financial regulation, at the London School of Economics, Mr Staple - whose office is responsible for investigating and prosecuting large fraud cases - said jury trials took longer than cases heard by judges alone,

nated, which again added to the length and complex ity of trials.

women" was still a "suit-"over-elaborate" rules of the evidence to deliver a criminal evidence, to en-

Russell leads the rescue party

Mike Selvey at Lord's

blighted by rain, had light and burst Dickie drains, international career ended in bright sunshine when Mike Atherton declared England's second innings closed at 278 for nine, with not even the remotest chance of a result.

There was, of course, emo-tion. His final session had been eeted with yet another standing ovation from an unsurpris-ingly small crowd (the earlymorning traffic news that predicted gridlock in St John's Wood proved a trifle pessimistic), and he had his obligatory blub using what will surely soon be marketed as the Dickie Bird Superhanky.

Two hours later he gave his index finger one final airing as he sent Jack Russell back to the pavillon — Dickie's to the pavillon — Dickie's Last LBW Victim will be on canvas soon no doubt - before, at twenty past five and fidgeting still, he you-dirty-ratted his cuffs one last time, heaved a sigh, shook hands all round with the Indian team, removed the bails and was given a police escort from

quiet last day at the office. In-stead England were for a while under the cosh and in danger of losing a game that ought to have been safe. They had begun at 113 for two. lead, albeit slender, of 28 and with the prospect perhaps of a who had played in such a positive manner on the previous

It was not to be, for with lunch still a quarter of an hour away and the lead just 83 the fourth wicket of the day had fallen and Russell found himself trudging to the

Fortunately, after his five-hour blockathon with Atherton in Johannesburg this situation was right up Russell's road. Everything that India's bowlers could propel at him. including a second new ball, was repelled during the after noon and although he lost (another forthright and confident effort if not totally convincing) after a seventh wicket partnership of 60, the game was by then safe. That he made 38 was almost by the across a full-length ball from Ganguly. Although there was competition from Ganguly's composed century, there was little doubt that it was Russell who was the Man of the

Afterwards the England coach David Lloyd described the performance of his charges as "brilliant", al-though that was pitching it a bit strong. But despite the fact that they were always behind in the game, wholesale changes for the third and final Test at Trent Bridge would be both unlikely and

In the first place, it had been a crucial toss and had Azharuddin not called cor-rectly England's seamers might have caused maybem to a fragile-looking Indian order and might then not

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have appeared so stereotypicai when the cloud lifted and the pitch lost its spite.

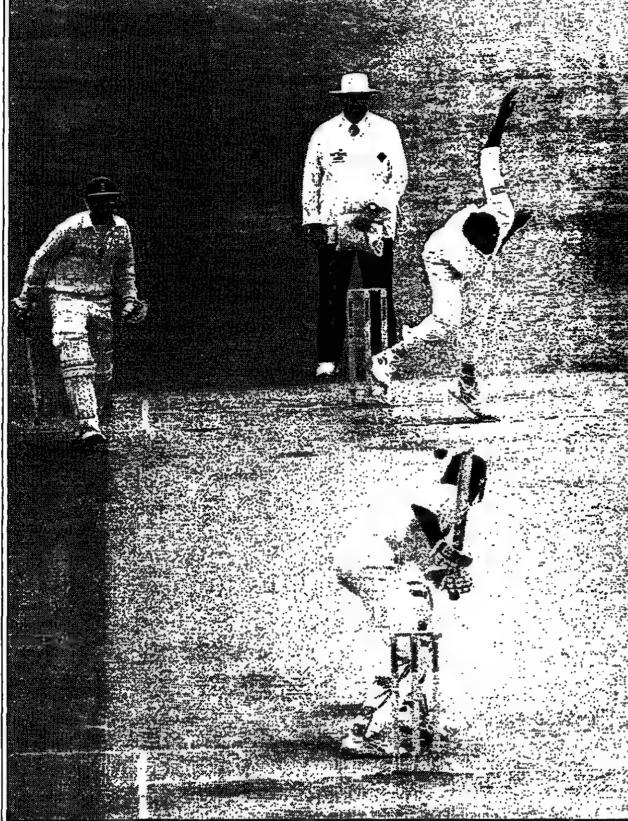
Second, although there were traumas, none greate: themselves 107 for five on the opening afternoon, this is a side that has now conceded only one Test in 10 (and that hour in Cape Town when they were looking at victory) since the horror strip at Edgbaston last year. They may have trouble winning (that is what "brilliant" sides do) but they

are a tough side to beat.
Of those who got to the crease yesterday, only Stewart, Graeme Hick and Dominic Cork can look back with any lack of satisfaction. In particular, Stewart will be wondering whether his 66, ended when he edged Srinath on to his stumps in the second over of the day, will be sufficient to sustain his career when Nick Knight is fit, and has to be worry too about Hick, who has made only 15 runs in three innings this series - although he was on the receiving end of a snorter from Prasad

The remainder all spent useful time in the middle as Srinath but by Anil Kumble in a marathon spell from the Nursery End, attempted to chip away. Stewart fell early victim to unexpected bounce (although he plays on to his own wicket too often for com-fort) and Kumble found a brute of a delivery for Thorpe which spat at him and drew a superb catch from Rathore at

But Peter Martin, the nightwatchman from the pre-vious evening, held things up two hours before Prasad sussed him, and later Irani spent 138 minutes with Irani too will cause debate

at the selectors' next meeting ment of his right to the No. 6 spot. Certainly he has shown the right temperament, and his willingness to put bat firmly to ball is to be applauded in most circum-stances. But lack of technique, in particular the tendency for his bottom hand to take over and pull the bat Mhambrey on to his stumps, could be his undoing at this



Rearguard action . . . Irani, preparing to fend off Prasad, and Russell drew India's sting

Optimist Lloyd puts his faith in power of positive thinking

David Hopps finds the England coach in upbeat mood after a 'brilliant' draw

AVID LLOYD talks so | animatedly about English cricket that he should go the whole hog and paint his face with the flag of St George. While the depressive ten-

dency was debating on the first afternoon. The whether an anxious draw against India was cause for concern. England's coach to play, was enough for was banging the drum for a Lloyd to display the art of "brilliant" performance.

England lost an important toss in the first Test at Edgbaston and still won with ease; they lost the toss again at Lord's and were playing catch-up from the moment they collapsed to 107 for five fact that they remain 1-0 up in the series, with only one

first innings the movement to sink our heads into our hands and rue the limitations of our sportsmen.

In the second they beneImagine what Raymond India batted, the pitch chairman of selectors

liant," he said. "India will be desperately disappointed not to win. We had to play really well just to stay in the game."

Lloyd, echoed by his captain Mike Atherton, was rarely muster such optimals. England's top order did not get enough runs and that get enough runs and that much of the seam bowling lacked energy. He would have concurred that Steward's place was precarious, thumper, coped with a table with a really muster such optimals. tain Mike Atherion, was rarely muster such opti-adamant that circum-atances had not worked in England's favour. In the edge to slip and we all tend

fited from low and uneven Illingworth's conclusions bounce. In between, when would have been. The Illingworth's conclusions

questioned his judgment. mism and, in a week when What Lloyd is intent on English sport is awash with

"We were absolutely bril- played as benignly as at | would have grumbled that | missing Tendulkar in his | amounting to 45 per cent of liant," he said. "India will | any time in the match. | England's top order did not | first spell in both innings, | their match fee, represents

one of the largest penalties in Test history. The most courageous decision was made by Mo-

hammad Azharuddin. The last time he inserted Englooked out of form, and that derable aplomb.

Mullally did not swing it.

No one could have fairly requires considerable optinewspapers ever since the country's World Cup fail-ure, last Thursday he dared to do it again. If Lloyd were challenging is the mood.

Change the emphasis and it is possible to discover all sorts of positives. Lewis line for slow over-rates, apreally was a marvel in dis- proaching £1,300 per man, served better.

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Racing Injury

rules out Shaamit

Chris Hawkins

next Sunday's Irish Derby, William Haggas had to inform the world yesterday that the colt would miss the race after injuring himself in

lame and sore." said the New-market trainer. "It was found at evening stables last night. "I suppose it's better that it happened last night so that we saved ourselves the £60,000 supplementary entry fee (due today) but after spending most of Sunday say. ing how well he was I now have to turn round and say this."
"We'll have to play things

by ear now. In my experience with horses' feet things always take longer than you think, but the Eclipse or the George ossibilities.

The Eclipse Stakes at San-down on July 6th seems certain to come too soon for the Derby winner but there is early five weeks until the King George at Ascot. Shaamit's defection takes a

lot of interest out of the Irish race and in Ladbrokes' revamped ante-post list Dushyantor is favourite at 6-4. followed by 2-1 Dr Massini, 9-2 Alhaarth, 8-1 Polaris Flight. The latter, previously owned in partnership be

American Rick Kaster, has been sold since running and has been bought by a Saudi prince. Sangster confirmed the sale

while talking at a press con-ference at Manton yesterday called to announce the racing operation by Grosve nor Casinos. The agreement is worth

£500,000 over three yearsand is the biggest such deal since the British Horse Racing Board initiated sponsorship to enable owners to claim back VAT on training fees. Sangster has 62 horses in training at Manton, three with Barry Hills and one with

Lynda Ramsden. He has interests in Ireland. America and Australia and his equine enterprise costs over £5million a year which offers for his bloodstock

Sangster has virtu dropped out of the yearling market and most of his horses are now home bred. He recently sent 14 mares to be covered by his stallion Sadler's Wells and they are all in foal.

Manton, comprising 2,500 acres high on the Wiltshire Downs, is now successful thanks largely to trainer Peter Chapple-Hyam but it did not flourish initially

under Michael Dickinson. "I remember I came down to talk over what was a pretty massive problem with Michael," recalled Sangster. "Nothing was going right. We hadn't had a winner for six months and all he said when I got here was 'get your pads on and I'll bowl to you in the

Dickinson is apparently famous for having the longest run of any slow bowler in the history of cricket.

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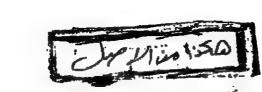
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Racing

Johnson on fast track

Duncan Mackay on the American sprinter's record feat

HOSE who feared that athletes were running out of room to expand the limits of human capabilities had their hori-zons lifted by Michael John-son's astonishing run in Atlanta on Sunday when he obliterated the longest-stand-

ing world record. The 28-year-old Texan clocked 19.66sec for 200 metres at the United States Olympic trials on Sunday, eclipsing the Italian Pietro Mennea's 1979 mark by 0.06. It made up for his disappointment in the semi-finals when he thought he had broken the record only to see his 19.70 ruled out because the wind was marginally above the limit of 2.0 metres per second.

"It had to happen sooner or later" caid Marmas "For at 1800 record.

later," said Mennea. "For at least three years I have known that the only one capable of going faster was Michael Johnson."

Mennea's record had become something of an embar-rassment not only because it was set at altitude in Mexico City, where the thinner air is of considerable benefit in the explosive events, but because the Italian later admitted he had taken a banned human

growth hormone. Primo Nebiolo, the Italian president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation and the target of fierce criticism by Mennea, last night took the rare step of sending a schedule was a wise one." ning 19.5."

The IAAF changed the timetable in March to aid Johnson's chances of becoming the first man to win the 200 and 400m at the same Games, a double he achieved

at last year's world championships.

championships.

Having already won the 400m at the trials in 43.44, the third-fastest time ever, Johnson set his world record in his seventh race in eight days.

The Olympic champion Michael Marsh was almost four metres behind him in third place, with the emerging Jeff Williams second in 20.03 and Carl Lewis trailing in fifth. 'It was a perfect in fifth. "It was a perfect day," said Johnson. "I had a lot of great competitors out

Part of the motivation for his Olympic quest stems from his painful experience in 1992. "Michael Johnson can lose— but not in Barcelona," he said on the eve of those Games. To general consternation he did lose — even failing to reach the final of the 200m after being weakened by food

poisoning.

Johnson, who is threatening to take the British Athletic Federation to court if it does not allow him to run a 400m at the London Grand Prix meeting on July 12, is scheduled to run the 200m three more times before the Olympics. He will race in Lausanne a week tomorrow, in Oslo against the Olympic silver medallist Frankie Fredericks two nights later and in Stockholm on July 8.

The American does not believe that the record to end all records has been set, or even approached. "It's going to be personal note of congratula-tion to Johnson. He wrote: "It was confirmation that our de-cision to modify the Olympic schedule was a wise one."

The Olympics and I think the world record could go down," he said. "I feel like I'm capable of run-



On top of the world . . . Michael Johnson breaks Pietro Mennea's 17-year-old 200m mark

Rugby League

Offiah and **Newlove miss Euro decider**

Paul Fitzpatrick

ARTIN OFFIAH. who scored four tries in the crushing win over France at Gateshead two weeks ago, has withdrawn from England's European

Championship decider with Wales at Cardiff tomorrow.

The Wigan winger failed a fitness test on an injured toe yesterday and his withdrawal means that England will have to make do without the two costliest players in the his-tory of the sport.

Earlier the St Helens centre Paul Newlove, bought from Bradford for a record \$500,000 Offlah cost £440,000 when he joined Wigan from Widnes in 1992 — had withdrawn because of a viral infection, and his place had gone to Salford's 19-year-old Nathan McAvoy. who scored 17 tries in 21 ap-pearances in the Centenary season and leads with 15 in league and cup this season.

The 6ft 5in McAvoy will now partner John Bentley, the Halifax winger, who has been in PHOTOGRAPH: DOUG MILLS | his best form recently, scoring

four tries against the London Bentley replaced Offiah for the opening match of the World Cup against Australia last Oc-tober but then himself fell victim to injury.

There was disappointment for McAvoy's Salford colleague Steve Blakeley. The stand-off had enjoyed a prom-ising debut against France but makes way for the more experienced Daryl Powell. Wigan's Shaun Edwards retains the scrum-half posi-tion ahead of St Helens' Bob-

bie Goulding.
Andrew Farrell, the Wigan loose forward, takes over the captaincy denied him by injury at Gateshead, and that means Warrington's Paul Sculthorpe will move into the second row. Steve Molloy of Featherstone replaces the in-jured Karl Harrison at blind-side prop

England record

WORLD-record sixthwicket pertnership of
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Daniels hit 160 - h maiden Test century — and Leng resumes today on 90. 133 for five and Daniels bit 20 boundaries on her way to the third-highest score by an Englishwoman in Test matches.

In the County Championonly 28 minutes to complete a 363-run victory over Middlesex that lifted them to third place in the table. The pace bowler Andrew 19 first-class starts.

captain Matthew Maynard. Leicestershire gained their first victory in 17 visits to Bradford, crushing Yorkshire, who slipped to second place behind Kent, Durham's worst start to a

visitors, resuming the final

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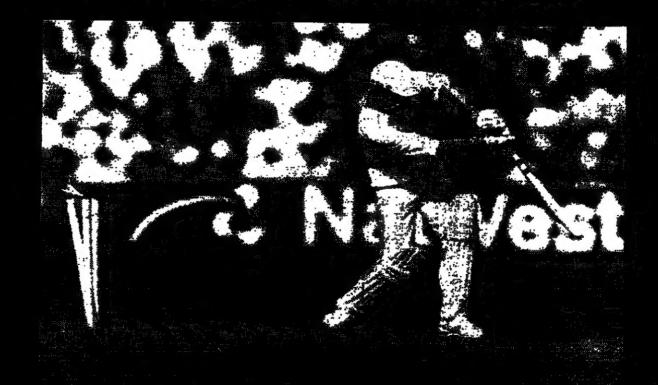
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The NatWest Trophy ends today.

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EURO 96

Story of lost chances is short of a classic

David Lacey says Klinsmann's injury is bad news

REASONABLE though the thought may seem to those whose atti-tudes bave taken root along the Siegiried Line, espe-cially now that England will face Germany kitted out like the Waffen SS, tomorrow's Wembley occasion will be di-minished by the absence of Jurgen Klinsmann. Certainly the 1996 European Champtonship is suddenly in dire need of an occasion to cherish.

The group matches promised a plot which the week end's quarter-finals palpably failed to deliver. Now it be-hoves England and Germany. or France and the Czeck Republic, to come up with a game that will be memorable for the right reasons, no mat-

ter who wins. Euro 96 still awaits a classic but the team most likely to provide one. Italy, have gone home. Italy's opening fixture in Group C, the 2-1 victory over Russia, was the best foot-balling contest of the opening charge against the Czechs its most gallant failure. England's startling demolition of Holland provided the most exhilarating spectacle.

Major tournaments, however, tend to be judged by what does or does not happen at the knockout stage, and so far precious little has occurred. Seaman's save from Nadal to win Saturday's doubtedly the high point for England and their supporters, but if it is left to a penalty contest to provide the best moment of the quarter-finals then clearly Euro 96 is in danger of losing its way.

England's gradual transi-tion from shy hosts to serious challengers has been compuisive viewing. Germany's last two matches, against Italy and Croatia, have found Berti Vogts's team betraying un-Germanic symptoms of self-

conducive to regaining confidence but it could have been worse. If Seaman is the tournament's best goalkeeper ing footballer. So long as their sweeper stays fit and in form the Germans will still fancy their chances.

Vogts's defenders are reign ing supreme. No other team could have lost a defender of Kohler's quality and still remained as impregnable. Sammer, Babbel, Helmer and Eilts, a revelation in midfield, have mastered every attack they have faced. Only the Italians have disturbed them for any length of time.

England can forget the high ball tomorrow unless they de-

liver it either from the byline or hard, flat and early from the wings. Shearer will be up against opponents alive to all his old pro's tricks, and with a few of their own to pass on. Sheringham's lack of pace could leave him looking like a traction engine at the

The match will be won, if it is won at all during normal play, from midfield. From the outset Terry Venables has worked on movements that allow Ince to infiltrate nooks and crannies of opposing deand crannies or opposing de-fences and link up with McManaman and Shearer. His return from suspension, with fresh legs after Satur-day's enforced rest, will be well-timed.

The word on both Klins-mann and Bobic looks final, although nobody will be convinced that Vogts is not play-ing possum until the name of Klinsmann fails to appear on tomorrow's team-sheet. Memories of the way Rummenigge limped off the German bench to deny France victory in the 1982 World Cup semi-finals

are still strong.

Not as vivid, however, as the assault by Schumacher that left Battiston in a neck brace. Köpke's bringing down of Casiraghi at Old Trafford hardly came into the same category of brutality but it did confirm the unwritten rule that whatever happens German goalkeepers do not get red cards.

On balance, the 1996 Euro-pean Championship has so far been a disappointment camouflaged by England's success. Most teams have been too cautious, waiting for one another to make a mistake. Most play to a similar system and cancel one an-other out. Among the coaches, Terry Venables and Switzerland's Artur Jorge have been comparatively adventurous. Even the French have kept too tight a rein on

their attacking instincts.

The refereeing has largely been a mixture of the irratio nal and the atrocious. At least the appointment of the Hungarian Sandor Puhl for England's semi-final, with Scot-land's Les Mottram taking charge of the game at Old Trafford and Italy's Pierluigi Pairetto lined up for the final. should restore some sanity to the control of matches. Provided, of course, that none of. the three has contracted that strain of yellow fever known

as Elleray-Krug's dise Add in the failure of practi-cally everybody except Stoichkov to produce a decent free-kick near goal, the general poverty of the set pleces, the crassness of most of the crosses, and marksmanship straight from the Imre Varadi finishing school, and the need for the semi-finals to provide The Refs

something better becomes paramount. There may not al-ways be an England.

Trafford.



Germans' striking poser

Martin Thorpe on the vacuum left up front by the loss of Klinsmann and Bobic

tional harmony of its industrial relations, Germany a shortage of strikers. Berti Vogts, though, could do with a few more for the job tomor-

row night. Yesterday brought formal confirmation that what has become his first-choice pairing of Jürgen Klinsmann and Fredi Bobic will miss the Wembley semi-final against England. This means a place in the fun for Oliver Bierhoff and Stefan Kuntz, not one of the great striking partner-ships in history but all that

the Germany coach has left. Klinsmann, the only world-class striker in the German squad, is out with a torn calf muscle and the less formida ble but improving Bobic will miss the rest of the tourna-ment with a torn shoulder

Both injuries were picked

TALY's Pierluigi Pairetto

was yesterday named as the referee for Sunday's Euro 96

The 43-year-old Pairetto

began refereeing in 1967 and officiated in the 1992 Euro-

pean Championship finals in

Sweden and the 1994 World

Cup in the United States. He

has been one of this tourna-

ment's more understanding

officials, issuing only five yel

cautions and sendings-off:

low cards. Here is a full list of

IVEN the tradi-tional barmony of its industrial rela-its and though Klinsmann is clinging to an outside hope of being fit for the final should Germany go through, the team spokesman admitted yesterday that his chances "were realistically 0.5 per

> Although Klinsmann has played at Wembley — he together before, for Bayer came on as a substitute in a Uerdingen in the mid-Eightfriendly in 1991 — he has long wanted to experience a meaningful match there. Now, as team leader, he will sit on the bench tomorrow night offering his services as a talisman if nothing else.

The Germans, who have already lost the injured Kohler and Basler, are more hopeful that the wing-back Reuter and the defender Helmer, who both carried injuries against Croatia, will be fit for

But Vogts's problems remain up front. He has sev-

eral options. He could play a lone striker, probably start-ing with Kuntz and bringing off the 33-year-old when he tires, substituting Bierhoff. This would mean an extra man in midfield.

Alternatively he could ask Möller, who dislikes playing up front but has done it in the past, to move forward out of the hole to partner Kuntz or Bierhoff. Or Vogts could start with the two remaining

strikers. The pair have played the air, complements Kuntz's smaller stature and nippier, opportunist nature. However, at club level, neither has set the international scene on

Kuntz, now playing for Besiktas in Turkey, was joint top scorer in the Bundesliga in 1994 but from 17 caps coming into Euro 96 had scored only twice. He made the starting line-up for Germany's first group game against the Czechs but has

been a substitute since. | Germany side this year at the Bierboff is the only German left playing in Serie A and scored 17 goals for Udinese last season. But he came into Euro 96 with only three caps, having been called into the



Bierhoff . . . good in the air

late age of 27 when Vogts was hit by an earlier striking crisis caused by injuries to Rie-dle and Herrlich, plus Kirsten's loss of form, all of which kept them out of Euro

Bierhoff impressed on his debut in February against Portugal and in March he scored both goals in the 2-0 win over Denmark. But he has started only one match in Euro 96, against Russia, and he made way for Bobic fered their views on the against Italy. This is how keenly the loss

of Klinsmann's leadership. class and experience (87 caps, 38 goals) will be felt. He is also at the height of his scoring powers, last season notching nine goals in Germany's 10 European Championship qualifying games and a re cord 15 for Bayern Munich in winning the Uefa Cup. In Euro 96 he has scored

three of Germany's seven goals to date. Ominously, none of the rest has come from the other strikers. The England camp must be rub-bing their hands with glee.

was typical: "Do I look sur-prised?" Suspended for

tomorrow night's semi-final

having been booked in the

first minute against Portugal.

the defender was asked

whether he was upset about that. Smiling, he said: "Do I

look upset?" Suchoparek then spoke of

the strong camaraderie in the squad and how they all loved wine, women and song, espe-

cially women. When he returned to on-field matters

ne was equally enthusiastic.

"The victory against Portugal was a highlight but the Portu-

guese were not as dangerous as Italy. But the Portuguese

final will be our last word."

Man in ' manure shock **EUro 96 @**

would like to say a huge sorry to every England footballer he has insulted. And since he is marketing manager of PaperHouse — the card manufacturer which makes cheap jokes at the team's expense—
he has a lot of grovelling to
do. In fact he would like to
say sorry 120,000 times, one for every birthday card his company has produced mock-

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ing Our Brave Boys.
PaperHouse's discomfort
had its foundation some had its foundation some months ago when one of its creative whiz-kids decided to make a cheap gag at Eng-land's expense. It went like this: "What's the difference between the England football team and a sack of manure For the answer you have to open the card and turn inside: "Manure works wonders on

Oh dear. Mr Rowbothau knows an own-goal when he's scored one. "We produced it a long time ago and we'll obviously have to have a rethirk now." he squirmed yesterday.
"We would lose face if we continue to publish it, although it is on our best-seller list. All I can say is I'm delighted we've been proved wrong."

Now that the football has

been sorted out, what about

PaperHouse offers this on Mike Atherton's team: "What's the difference between the average male and the average English crick-eter? Both think it a miracle if they stay in for more than five minutes." Jack Russell is

FTER the knockout comes the final blow. Or in Hakan Sukur's case several blows (allegedly) plus a number of swipes with

a baton. To explain: Turkey's star striker was minding his own business in Istanbul, ponder-ing his country's Euro 96 exit. when a group of teenagers of national team. Sukur took offence and, to quote an official from the local prosecutor's office. "there was a beating incident, the kids filed a complaint, and we are now lookstatement"

He gave no further details but Turkish newspapers have claimed that Sukur attacked the youths when they claimed that Turkey was "disgraced ting them with a baton he kept in his car. He then drove off — and over a stray foot that failed to get out of the

Stoichkov is lined up for £3m return to Barcelona

BOBBY ROBSON is on the verge of taking the Bulgarian striker Hristo Stoichkov back to Barcelona in a deal worth about

The move will disappoint several British clubs, including Blackburn and Rangers, who have shown interest in the player who scored three times for Bulgaria in Euro 96. The 30-year-old striker regained his form after an indifferent season with Parma, having moved from Barcelong to Italy last summ

A Parma official said yesterday: "The Stoichkov transfer to Barcelona is fairly concrete now. There is only a small disagreement on the price but nothing that cannot be easily solved.

Burnley

Derby County

Johan Cruyff but, now that he has been replaced by Robson, Hristo doesn't see a problem. "He considered the British offers with due respect but in to be Barcelona once he knew they were interested again. Bolton have paid a total

£2.25 million for two Danish midfielders, Michael Johanen and Per Frandsen, from FC Copenhagen. Johansen, aged 23, is a Denmark Under-21 international who captained his club last

Leeds are optimistic that Charlton's 19-year-old mid-fielder Lee Bowyer will sign for them this week; they have been talking with the player



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for dark horses

final at Wembley.
Hungary's Sandor Puhl will take charge of England's semi-final with Germany at Ian Ross disturbs Wembley tomorrow while the peace to wonder Scotland's Les Mottram will the Czech Republic at Old where's Leboeuf?

> been a day set aside for peaceful reflection for the France coach Aimé Jacquet yesterday became little more than a catdistractions.

Twelve hours after learning that his side would be up against the most proficient of the dark horses, the Czech Republic, in tomorfinal, Jacquet awoke to the accusation that his players

were unpatriotic.

A fax — from the French federation presumably, uo one was saying — received by Jacquet over breakfast outlined the salient points of a speech made in Nimes the previous day by the leader of France's National Front, Jean-Marie Le Pen. "The squad is full of for-

had said. Le Pen is a politician sustained by the oxygen of publicity, Jacquet contented himself with a simple protestation. "We are all proud to wear the red, blue

and white," he said, auxious to close the debate. France's Ghana-born

meeting of France and England in the tournaeign players and they don't seem to know the words of the Marseillaise," Le Pen

> loss of Jürgen Klinsmann is major blow. "As for the semi-final, I

midfielder Marcel Desailly was not so reticent. "When wear that French shirt l am as proud as the next man," he said. "I do not need to be singing the national anthem before a game to show my total commitnent to my country."
Two cups of coffee later

ing to discuss the transfer of his defender Frank Leboeuf from Strasbourg to Ruud Gullit's Chelsea.

Having reached agree ment on a £2.5 million deal, Chelsea's excitement got the better of them and they ignored protocol by announcing a transfer mid-way through a major competition. Jacquet looked far from amused and Leboeuf was said to be unavailable for comment.

Before Jacquet could even contemplate lunch, he had to deal with the problem of what to do with Christophe Dugarry, the Bordeaux striker who will play no further part in Euro 96 after damaging knee ligaments. Dugarry — who is to join

Milan — apparently wishes to go home for treatment; Jacquet, it seems, would prefer him to remain for reasons of squad morale. It was left to the eloquent Desailly to forecast the

"I would actually like to see England in the final: it would be a nice party," he said. "I think they will beat the Germans because the

think we are all very sur-prised to be playing the Czech Republic. We thought Italy would get through the group, and we then felt that Portugal would beat the Czechs in their quarter-final

"We haven't peaked yet; we still feel we are improving and getting stronger We haven't scored many goals but we don't need an Alan Shearer because we Jacquet found himself be-sleged by journalists seck-defence."

French patriots aim Don't devalue us say bouncy Czechs

Michael Walker finds the so-called no-hopers asking to be taken seriously

Y THE look on Dusan Uhrin's face the morning after the Czechs' another "surprise" inquiry Uhrin's face the morning after the Czechs' victorious night before, his been in bed by 2am looked a conservative one. But who can argue with the

Czech Republic's manager now? Rated as no-hopers be-

fore the tournament, even though they topped their qualifying group ahead of Holland, Uhrin's side have outstayed the Dutch again. In the process they have had a great hand in the downfall of Italy and Russia and on Sunday night they accounted for the fancied Portuguese. It is well past time for the Czechs to be taken seriously and for patronising journal

ists to stop asking them if it is all a great "surprise". At yesterday's trite news conference the "surprise" question raised its head again everal times and Uhrin and his squad looked understand ably fed up with it. Fortunately they have



ment and even then I said they were the best team." Later the coach said the two teams were evenly matched now, but his concern about France's dull power was shared by Suchoparek. "It will be a different match." said the defender, "and I hope we can cover for the four players suspended. But if we are leading 2–0 again we shall

"We are always optimistic Not only are we among the four best teams, we can be in

the top two."

If they do reach Wembley. England would be daunting on home turf and Germany game of Group C. Suchoparek had an explanation: that de-feat was "a tactical trick to confuse all our enemies".

He changed expression only when the topic of refereeing in Euro 96 arose. He said dourly: "I leave that to you to evaluate." As well as Suchpparek, the Czechs tomorrow will be missing the striker Kuka, the midfielder Bejbl and the right-back Latal. Uh-rin was as perturbed as his players by the refereeing 'yellow peril" and said: "I dreamt about yellow last

• The Czech FA president Frantisek Chvalovsky yesterday complained about his country's fans being charged £75 for quarter-final tickets issued at home by the official agency Sport Tourist. The Czechs have asked for only 2,000 extra tickets for the semi-first extra tickets for the semi-final at Old Trafford.



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Sly Sampras slows down and hots up

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ETE SAMPRAS made the traditional champion's start on Centre Court and wobbled a little before beating his fellow American — and hitting partner — Richey Reneberg by 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 thanks to a canny change of gear.

But there was no slow-down

from the No.2 seed Boris Becker, who dispatched France's Jean-Philippe Fleur-ian, nor from the No. 4 seed Goran Ivanisevic. The Croatian's task was made even easier when his scheduled op-ponent Bernd Karbacher fell down some stairs on Sunday night and ceded his place to the Roehampton "lucky loser" David Nainkin; the South African was sent on his way with a total of four games won and an unexpected bonus of almost £6,000.

or almost £5,000.

Richey Reneberg is one of the world's great triers. He turned professional in 1997 and in 1994 reached the dizzy heights of the fourth round in the 110 Cores the the US Open. Apart from this he has never gotten — as the Americans say — past the find round of a Grand Slam.

Yet for a set yesterday he played like a man possessed.

played like a man possessed against Sampras, who found the ball flying past him with extraordinary regularity. This year's brighter balls are supposed to be easier to spot and Reneberg was indeed see-

ing them like balloons.

Sampras had actually begun his pursuit of a fourth successive title with studied assurance, with Reneberg get-ting only the very edge of his racket to the champion's first serve. Reneberg then had his own serve easily broken, Sampras throwing in a beautifully nonchalant top-spin lob. So far, so simple. But then, at 0-2 down and

seemingly going nowhere fast, Reneberg began to un-leash a series of quite stun-ning returns. The harder Sampras served, the harder Reneberg returned.

The champion frowned; the champion fretted. He had slipped on the lush grass in the third game and at times put a hand to his back, as if

him, other than Reneberg.
Twice Sampras lost his service and he was suddenly a set down. Inevitably thoughts went back to the French Open semi-finals when the physically and mentally exhausted American was brought to an almost complete standstill by Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov.

He continued to suffer on his serve, particularly the his serve, particularly the second delivery which Rene-berg continued to belt past him. Sampras wavered and then was broken again. At one set and 2-3 down the ref-

the No. 1 seed had been ditched in the first round. (Manuel Santana, 1967.)
But Reneberg's run could not last. After 54 minutes the 30-year-old occasional seed-crusher from Phoenix played his first loose and lousy shot. He was about to be consumed

erence books were being

scanned to check the last time

by Sampras fire. Not fire power though. The champion's pace had been working in Reneberg's favour, so Sampras began to slow it down. He chipped and he sliced and gradually, inevitably, his opponent's previ-ously tight game plan began to unravel. By the third set Sampras's serve was back in its groove; by the fourth there was only one winner.

"As the match wore on I started to caim down and by the end I was playing pretty well," said Sampras. "Richey and I practise a lot together he knows my game real well."

Not quite well enough, though.

Staffi Graf begins her defence today but Monica Seles, who last played at Wimbledon in 1992, returned to Centre Court yesterday to set a first foot on the road she hopes will bring her back to the same place against the Ger-man a week this Saturday. Much has been written about the American's injured shoulder and she has made it

clear that the pain is constant. But such is the irot hold she has over so many op-ponents that she could get through the first week with her arm in a poultice. There was little to be

gleaned from yesterday's victhe third game and at times tory 6-1, 6-2 over Ohio's Ann put a hand to his back, as if Grossman. At least the match something might be troubling had the merit of brevity.



Added bite . . . Monica Seles returned to Wimbledon after a four-year absence with a 48-minute demolition of the American Ann Grossman. "I just felt

Becker looks after No. 1

Frank Keating watches the No. 2 seed deliver a booming auf Wiedersehen

looked in ominously sharp form as he began the formight's cavalcade bidding farewell to cavalcade bidding farewell to over the net. Thus Wimble-No.1 court. He punched in don 1996 began as it will hurtful clusters in allowing the Florida-based Frenchman Jean-Philippe Fleurian only five games and then said: "Competition is so tough these days that you cannot just stroll into a tournament any more and play yourself in during early rounds; you have to be at your peak from your very first serve."

As it happens, Becker opened the match with a double fault. At which there was a gruff leonine growl, a think I relaxed either." momentary flick of tongue Bates, whose ranking is across his hirsute lips, and down to 267 (it once three aces from the next four three aces from the next four was not so much grunting at serves, with the only ball his service as snarling at the Fleurian could lay a racket to ball for being so wayward. He

BECKER | being terminally dispatched with the famous fizzing backhand volley. One game, five points, and just one return

Growling perhaps, but not a grunt to be heard from Becker. Although only 28, the German is just about a championship elder statesman and so restfully committed is he that it is hard to believe it is 11 years since he first pa-raded the golden biscuit for the cameramen on the final's afternoon. The grunts will come when the competition hots up. "For the present I am striking it very cleanly, serving great and moving well."

On the other hand, Fleurian was not so much grunting at

throat with ace, ace, ace, and then throttled a solitary im-pudent return with a feathery was briefly ranked No. 37 in the world and France had high hopes. Yesterday he looked as out of it as a teetotal suitor of Leslie Caron on

the night they invented champagne. At least Fleurian was in on the beginning of the end for old No. 1. Becker said: "I will miss this old court, It is sad. I have won well there and also lost badly. Say to anyone in the world just 'No. I court' and they know you mean that special and unusual place with flair, character and atmosphere. If I am not there

might have sensed a glimmer | was there today to say | time-out working on an ag-Entrances and exits. Across

at 4-0 after only a quarter of an hour when Becker double-faulted to 15-40, but at once the condition of the German leapt at his the concourse on Court Three, just as Becker was ripping into his sparring part-ner, the No. 8 seed Jim Courier, another occasional stop-volley at the net.

And so it went on: 6-0, 6-2.
6-3. The Gallicly handsome
Fleurian is 30 now. In 1990 he
Stark, who played and served

very well. The sun was out but Courier was not wearing his familiar peaked cap. He looked al-together a differently pale and wan fallow without it, his two-fisted mid-court zap displayed only fitfully and on principle as it were.

Stark, an American doubles specialist, allowed Courier a little daylight during a brief third-set revival. Then at 2-3 in the fourth Courier slipped on the base-line and stayed there. You knew it was all over except for the limping cur-tain-call after the masseur

gravated groin injury. Cou-rier gamely saw out Stark's don-wise for him it was a 12-

"Early rounds, when the grass is green, I knew I'd be struggling. Okay, it was phys-ical this time, but when I get back the secret of mental consistency I'll be okay again. My career's been a roller coaster, and it's been a fun ride and you have to accept the downs only so you can enjoy the ups. I'll be up again." One wonders, and I didn't dare ask whether it might all

be something to do with giv-ing up that cap. Chris Wilkinson beat the Swedish veteran Anders Jar-ryd 6-1, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2. Clare Taylor, who beat Jo Ward 6-3, 6-2, will now play Mary Pierca. And Colin Beecher was another British player to reach the second round; he defeated his fellow Briton

Nick Gould 6-4, 6-4, 6-7, 6-3.

Miradd (Japan) bt C Singer (Gar) 7–5, 6–4; I Corrochedagus (Arg) bt A Sineshuova (Arg) 6–4, 7–4, 8 N Peerk (S Kor) bt A Zinba-lova (Slovat) 6–2, 6–2; F Lahet (Arg) bt T S Whitlinger Jones (US) 6–1, 2–6, 7–5; B Befrett (Auf) bt P Begerow (Gar) 4–5, 6–2,

 Mary Pierce wore a simple white trees in ending the hopes of the young Swiss Patty Schnyder 5-3, 8-2 yesterday and then told fashion ors she would be wearing it until his year's US Open, give or take the odd laundry break.

Basketball

SPORTS NEWS 15

Palace back at the top

Robert Pryce

RYSTAL PALACE, the fallen giants of the English game, are returning to the top level after seven years' absence. The eight-times English champions have been elected. champions have been elected to the Budweiser League, replacing Doncaster Panthers.
Palace, upset after being rejected last season, put together a more formidable case this year. They have gained a two-year sponsor-ship deal with Hansen, a US soft-drinks company, they have won 60 successive games against National League op-position and last season they beat two Budweiser League clubs in reaching the National Cup semi-finals

The news came as some relief for Alton Byrd, the Palace player-coach-director. Radio 5 presenter and former Great Britain point guard. "I couldn't take another year of satisfying criteria that are seemingly unsatisfiable," he

seemingly ansatz said recently.

Doncaster, the league-andcup double winners in 1979,
look likely to disband after failing to come up with sufficient financial backing.

The league turned down an application from Cardiff Phoenix but is encouraging the club to develop their bid for the following season.

Sport in brief

Malcolm Elliott, the US-based rider from Sheffield, has clinched Britain's fifth and final team place for the Olym-pic Games road race despite finishing only 30th in the British open championship in Abergavenny on Sunday. El-liott, who last represented Britain at the Olympics as an amateur in Moscow in 1980, will join Chris Boardman, Max Sciandri, Brian Smith and John Tanner in Atlanta.

Drugs in sport

The American swimmer Jessica Foschi has had a two-year ban reimposed by the International Swimming Federation. It dates from August 5 last year, the date she tested

The American William Joppy stopped the holder Shinji Ta-kehara of Japan in the ninth round to win the WBA mid-

dleweight title in Yokoh

Chess

Gata Kamsky from the United States fought back in the Fide world championship at Elista. their 10th game after 59 moves and five hours' play. in the 20-game series, writes Leonard Barden. Earlier the match computer centre was cordoned off after Kamsky's father complained that analyses in the daily game bulletin were being smuggled in to help Karpov.

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Quick final exit for trouper Bates

Paul Weaver sees a sad end for the

former British No. 1

pily, remains a xenophobe-free zone. Though the possibility exists of England beating Germany at football or India at cricket, there is no chance of the country pro-viding the winner of the Gentlemen's Singles Cham-pionship at the All England

Jokes about British tennis players are always safe but there will be no more bout Jeremy Bates. Yesterday, out in the country on Court 14, the man who has carried Britain's no-tional hopes for almost a decade on segging, forlorn shoulders played his last match of important tennis. He was beaten in straight sets, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, in lhr 43min by Nicolas Pereira of Venezuela and received a standing, tearful ovation. Bates produced a rather flat performance against the former Wimbledon junior champion, who is

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who had won only one

match in four previous senior appearances at these championships.

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"I can't complain about my preparation because I've played some really good tennis in the last few days and was in the best shape I could have been in. I wasn't nervous but I don't

reached 54 last year) after missing the clay-court sea-son, managed to get in only six first serves in the first set, which lasted 31 min-utes, and was broken twice. He put a tired backhand volley into the net to lose the second set and was broken to 15 in the seventh game of the third when he netted a forehand. A wide backhand was the last shot he played at Wimbeldon.

He first played here in 1982 and did not win a match until 1987, when he reached the third round. But perhaps his finest moment also came that year when he partnered Jo Durie to win the mixed doubles.

Last night he seemed rather glad to be out of it.
"The game has progressed.
It is faster and the athlete
is bigger and stronger. I
was beginning to get out of

ranked 97 in the world but my depth."
who had won only one It would have fitted the bigotry bill if Pereira had been German. In his last Wimbledon question Bates was asked how he thought England would fare against Germany tomorrow. "I think we've got a good chance now Klinsmann is not playing," he said.

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Results

Holder: P Sampres (US)

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again this time. I am glad I had been on for a 10-minute

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8.46 (77): 1, BRESKA, M Roberts (15-8 lav); 2, Madazae Chianery (2-1); 3, River of Pertune (5-2); 6 ran. 15, nk. (R Hannon) Tota: C.90; C.80, C.140, Dural F: 12.40, CSF: CS.86. CST: 20.00. 7.15 (1m)s 1, AL SNADEEDAM, C Urbins (3-1): 2, Senserd Seven (14-1): 3, Sir Cube (7-2). 3-4 fev Three Arch Bridge. 8 ran Sh Mg. 25 (L. Cuman) Tota: 24.90; C1.60, C2.20, C1.20, Dugi F: \$47.90, Trics: C5.00. CSP C50.54. Tricset: C142.27, NS: Enthus Princess.

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WIMBLEDON: AMERICAN DREAM TURNS TO NIGHTMARE ON OPENING DAY

Agassi joins scattering of the seeds

Chang and Courier sent packing along with practising hard on his serve-and volley and grew mark-the No. 3 seed. **Stephen Bierley** reports the No. 3 seed. Stephen Bierley reports

on the opening day of the champion-Chang, seeded No. 6, and Jim Courier, seeded No. 8, sinned most horribly. But the greatest sinner by far was Andre

day the most brilliant player in the world, lost abjectly by Flach, a 25-year-old American qualifier ranked 281st in the world and playing only his fourth match in a Grand Slam tournament.

It was a quite staggering defeat. Flach played well enough but there was obvi-Agassi's mental state. Whatever, this was a huge shock.

Agassi was bundled out of the French Open early by the Little-known American Chris Woodruff and many questioned his appetite for the game. He was under-prepared and patently unfit but claimed this week that his fitness and mental state were back to normal. He was clearly kidding himself.

Usually one of the quickest movers around the court, yesterday Agassi was notably sluggish. He won the first set and there appeared no real problem but after that the match slipped away with ever

He talked afterwards about the pressure that Flach put on ing. This was an awful perfor! The Spaniard had been recovered.

OSING is the great mance which no amount of American sin, and excuses can explain. Too excuses can explain. Too much money, too little tennis may be a glib summing-up but this is the way it looks at

> Agassi arrived in London a week ago and had his prepa-ration broken by a heavy cold: yet when he won Wimbledon in 1992 against Goran Ivanisevic he had practised very little. That year his genius saw him through, together with the motivation. The latter at least is currently missing, and missing badly.

> Chang has never managed to get beyond the quarter-finals in this tournament but few expected him to lose to the Spaniard Alberto Costa, a clay-court specialist with a natural suspicion of most

> things green. Two years ago at the same stage Chang had beaten Costa 7-6, 6-4, 6-2, and a repeat per-formance seemed imminent when the American won the opening set. Thereafter it was the Spaniard who took control, serving particularly

> Costa, 21 today, reached the final in Monte Carlo this year, eventually losing to Austria's Thomas Muster who pulled out of Wimbledon last week with a thigh injury. Costa then lost to the same player in the semi-finals of the Italian Open in May, again on clay, and went out disappointingly early at Roland Garros, where he had

game progressed; Chang by comparison grew ragged. Costa eventually winning comfortably 3-6, 7-6, 7-6, 6-4. Courier, like Chang, is no

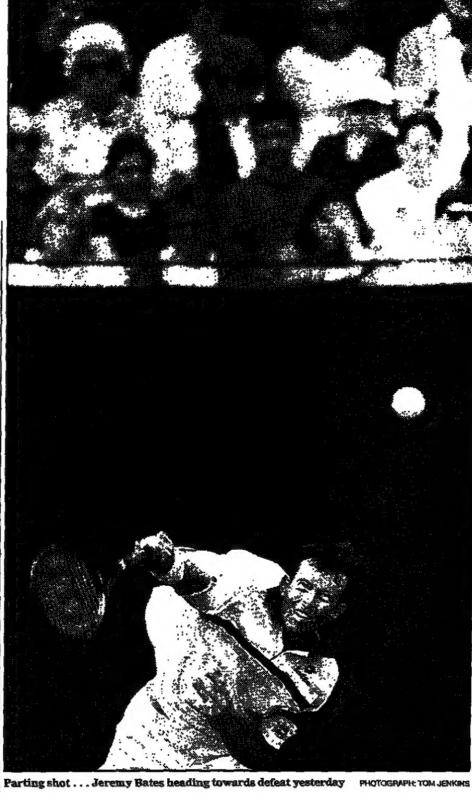
greater lover of Wimbledon's grass but made the final in 1993 before losing to Pete pion and three-times winner. On this occasion he was up against his fellow American Jonathan Stark, and matters began to go very wrong from the word go. He lost the first two sets, clawed his way dog gedly back, and then in the

fourth set fell awkwardly.

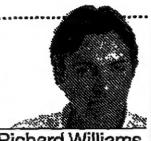
There were no complaints from Courier. "I knew going into the match that I would have to be really sharp. For Michael Chang and me thes courts are pretty much an equaliser in the opening rounds, particularly if we play guys who are aggres-sive." Stark was certainly that, taking full advantage of the extremely lush grass and initially overcast skies to win

Courier's great years were between 1991 and 1993 when titles. "I don't think anything has happened to my game. I'm hitting the ball as well as I've ever hit it. What I'm striving for now is mental consistency." he said, though many believe his time has

Another seeded casualty was the women's No. 7 Chanda Rubin, who had to withdraw because her wrist injury, aggravated at East-



Focus on the grass-roots movement



Richard Williams

VERY big tournament has its own buzzword. At the Olympics in Barcelona four years ago you couldn't have a conwithout hearing the term 'focus", which turned out to be a synonym for "concentra-tion". At Euro 96, the word is

movement".
"I was pleased with our ovement," one coach says. "We lost our movement," an-other laments. "I thought their movement was excellent," says the spectator who aspires to rise above the Fantasy Football level of expertise. Everybody nods, as if they know exactly what is meant. Most of them, I'd guess,

What is this thing called "movement", and how does it differ from just running around and passing the ball to

one another? You certainly know it when you see it. Spartak Moscow had it against Blackburn Rovers in the Champions' league. Auxerre had more of it than Nottingham Forest in the Uefa Cup, even though Forest knocked them out. England suddenly found it against Holland, only to lose it against Spain. Which doesn't mean they stopped running. Move-ment, in this context, is more than that.

Perhaps it's like "swing". the rhythmic quality which distinguishes jazz but is not susceptible to definition or well-meaning square is sup-posed to have inquired, "what is swing?" To which the Duke is supposed to have replied. "Lady, if you have to ask, don't

mess with it." I felt like that lady when I asked Howard Wilkinson about movement. Wanting a straightforward definition, I went to the coach who is most likely to respond to the aver-age journalist's clumsy postmatch attempt to elicit tactical analysis by narrowing his eyes and uttering the admonitory phrase: "Football's a

simple game."

"All good teams have it."
the Leeds United manager
sald yesterday. So what is it?
"Someone who stands still for a long time is easier to mark

But it isn't just a question of one man dashing up and down, attempting to energise the rest. Movement is a collec-tive thing, which is what makes it mysterious.

"Individual movement is rarely productive," Wilkinson explained, "so it has to be in cooperation with other players. There have to be underlying principles, and they've got to be adhered to so that people can move in a collaborative way." It is something we are more

used to seeing in foreign teams than our own. "Well, it's a concept which has been thought of as important for a long time in other countries. It's part of their young players'education. If you've watched German teams for the past 20 years, for instance. there are patterns that stay the same no matter who is playing. Even if they're playing for clubs in different countries, you can put them pack together and they'll go back to what they were taught

So what about England? How could such wonderful movement against Holland be come virtually no movement at all only four days later? "The last thing you learn." Wilkinson said, "is the first thing you forget." Meaning that we're trying

to teach it to players who are already mature? "To a degree. Responsible people in this country have been trying to do something about it for years, but the system milirounded footballer requires a lot of time, good coaches, con-tinuity, and the determination to put long-term goals ahead of anything else.

But even good fraining can't guarantee movement. The Dutch became famous for it when they invented Total Football, but this month they've shown hardly any.

N WILKINSON's eves fet teams exemplified movement more clearly than the great Liverpool teams of the Seventies. "Given time, and the fact there's no physiological difference between English and Dutch players, there's no reason why we can't acquire these habits." Still, movement isn't every thing. Some teams in Euro 96, Wilkinson pointed out, had plenty of movement but failed to reap the reward. He men-tioned Croatia, Portugal and Romania. "That's how the Germans might end up on Wednesday night," he said.

In which case, Berti, wir haren die Bewegung in unserem Aufbauspiel verloren will be the phrase to listen out for. Berti, we've lost our

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Straight-sets defeat as Bates bows out for the last time

bravely bore the cross of British No. 1 for seven years until 1995, yesterday played his last game at Wimbledon, and in top-level tennis, out on Court 14. The 34-year-old was beaten in straight sets, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, in 1hr 43min by Nicolas

Pereira of Venezuela.

For the best part of 10 years what little hope Britain nursed in the men's singles rested on Bates's shoulders, and in his more games.
final exit the crowd gave Paul Weaver, page 15

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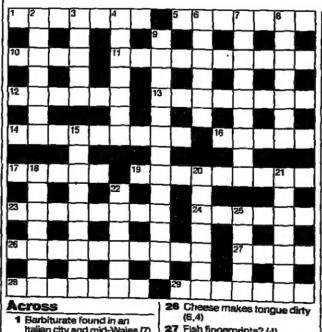
Williams,

BEREMY BATES, who him a standing ovation. Southampton's Chris Wil-British No. 1 for seven kinson enjoyed a four-sets Anders Jarryd and now meets Slovakia's Jan Kroslak, conqueror of another Briton, Andrew Foster. Colin Beecher and Claire

Taylor triumphed in their all-British contests but Rssex's Sam Smith faded after taking the first set against the 15th seed Irina Spirlea, winning only three

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Set by Orlando



Barbiturate found in an Italian city and mid-Wales (7)

5 is present as a race finishes 10 Retreating before spitfire (4)

11 Detective tipped over container in politician's pai

12 Noise constrained by English final (6) 13 Delivered ten cents in 14 Adapt alms as trees (4,5)

16 Some painters engrave (5) 17 Poet's pigeon (5) 19 Clean round about rug? It's too early! (9)

23 Cutting, always in southern garden, first planted outside

24 Keep putting part-time (6) lordnes in control

27 Fish fingerprints? (4) 28 Strife for criminal leader on

29 Nothing left, or nothing like this sherry (7) Down

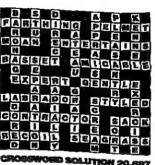
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4 Caribbean island opposed to force takes a U-turn (7) 6 Die in attempt to be fashionable (6)

7 Minced meat set in cafe (9) 8 imprisonment provides cun and rehabilitation (?) 9 A flower Sir Graham

cultivated in a Welsh town

15 Interpreter needed by river - it gets confused (9)



18 Wild marjoram seen round about wild ass (7)

imperfect verse and measure (7) Transport for burials at se-22 Things seen on guns (6)

20 A poet has to make

25 in France you stick up for a roval house (5)

